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This report profiles legislative action affecting pre-K-12 education in the 50 states during the 1997-98 school year. The information was collected from Lexis-Nexis, legislative staff, state newsletters, school board/teacher associations, and various media. The resulting report, compiled by the Education Commission of the States Information Clearinghouse, has not been analyzed and was rapidly processed to be released in printed form at the earliest possible date. The material is separated by topic and is arranged alphabetically. Each topic features the states affected by the legislation, the status of the legislation, and a summary of the legislation's content. The many topics addressed here include accountability, accreditation, administrators/principals, adult education, assessment/testing, at-risk youth, attendance, bilingual education, business/industry/education, charter schools, child abuse/protection, choice, collective bargaining, community education, community involvement, community service/volunteerism, compensatory education, correctional institution education, counseling guidance, curriculum, deregulation/waivers, discipline, early-childhood education, elementary education, enrollment, equity, extended day, finance, gifted and talented, governance, health, immigrants, incentives/sanctions, instruction methods, interagency collaborations, kindergarten, libraries, literacy, magnet schools, middle schools, neuroscience, nonpublic schools, official English, parent/family, partnerships, postsecondary, privatization, religion, safety/crime/violence, scheduling, school boards, school districts, secondary schools, sexual harassment, site based management, special education, teacher evaluation, technology, textbooks, urban schools, vocational education, and vouchers/tax credits. (RJM)

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INTRODUCTION

Most of the items in this *State Issues Report* cover the preK-12 level. They have been collected from Lexis-Nexis, legislative staff, state newsletters, school board/teacher associations and various media. ECS staff have made every attempt to validate all information.

Essentially, the information in this report is raw data — rapidly processed to be released in printed form at the earliest possible date. Editing has been kept to a minimum; many items appear in a form similar to the one in which they were received. Bill descriptions may have been modified since introduction.

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KEY:

Active	Relates to programs, not policy.
Died	Not approved by the legislature.
Enacted	Passed by the legislature and signed by the governor.
Passed	Regulation approved by the state board, legislative resolution approved by one or both houses, or ballot initiative approved by voters.
Proposed	Initiated by governor, legislative body or other entity such as the state board of education, but not enacted.
Vetoed	Vetoed by the governor.

NOTE: Summarizes provided by *StateNet* or *Lexis-Nexis* reflect the content of bills as introduced and may not reflect changes made during the legislative process.

ACCOUNTABILITY

STATE	STATUS	SUMMARY
AL	Enacted 4/98	Relates to requirement for taking school census and provides for dates to take it. Title: **HB 717 - School Census** Source: *Lexis-Nexis*
DE	Enacted 7/98	Creates "Educational Accountability Act of 1998"; improves Delaware's education system by drastically reducing social promotion, rewarding academic achievement of students, schools and school districts, and holding schools and school districts accountable for inadequate results. Title: **SB 250 - Educational Accountability Act of 1998** Source: *Lexis-Nexis*
FL	Died 3/98	Clarifies State Board of Education authority to enforce school and school district improvement; provides authority to enforce school and school district work in partnership to achieve improvement; requires consultation with superintendent; expands state board authority to intervene in school district operation under described circumstances. Title: **SB 184 - State Board Authority** Source: *Lexis-Nexis*
FL	Died 1/98	Amends constitution to provide that Florida Legislature, by general law, may authorize State Board of Education to assume control of school district when schools within it or school district itself is low performing; may include removal of superintendent of schools. Title: **HJR 3297 - State Control of Low-Performing Districts** Source: *Lexis-Nexis*
HI	Died 8/98	Proposes constitutional amendment to have Board of Education members appointed by the governor rather than elected to clarify accountability issue by giving governor ultimate responsibility and authority for public education. Title: **HB 2561 - Constitutional Amendment** Source: *Lexis-Nexis*
IA	Enacted 5/98	Requires State Board of Education to adopt rules relating to incorporation of accountability for student achievement into education standards and accreditation process. Title: **HB 2272 - Educational Accountability** Source: *Lexis-Nexis*
MD	Enacted 5/98	Establishes School Accountability Funding for Excellence for public school systems; appropriates funds for various education programs. Title: **HB 1- Accountability Funding** Source: *Lexis-Nexis*

STATE	STATUS	SUMMARY
MI	Enacted 12/97	Requires Michigan Educational Assessment Program (MEAP) and high school proficiency test scores to be used as indicators in school improvement process; relates to supporting academic learning through professional development of teachers and administrators, collaborative efforts with supporting agencies and assistance districts. Title: **HB 5233 - Measuring School Progress** Source: *Lexis-Nexis*
MI	Enacted 12/97	Revises MEAP test relationship and remediation; requires certain special assistance for schools with unsatisfactory MEAP results; relates to education assessments and school accreditation; provides sanctions for schools that fail to be accredited. Title: **HB 5235 - Educational Assessments** Source: *Lexis-Nexis*
MO	Enacted 6/98	Provides for school finance definitions, levies of state aid and line 14 categorical aid, Urban Transfer Program, revised governance for St. Louis City Schools, charter schools, lapsing districts, academically deficient schools, low graduation-rate schools, grants and tax credits, teacher-related items, transportation aid and other changes. Title: **SB 781 - School Governance** Source: *Lexis-Nexis*
MS	Died 5/98	Requires annual Mississippi Report Card to include special report assessing implementation of Mississippi Adequate Education Program in all school districts with less than Level III accreditation; authorizes child prep to develop and conduct such assessment and to prescribe components of assessment; requires annual report with recommendations to legislature. Title: **SB 2836 - Annual Report Card** Source: *Lexis-Nexis*
MS	Enacted 3/98	Directs Level I and Level II school districts to provide extended-day and extended-year programs as required by State Board of Education as part of corrective action plans; prescribes components and procedures to be followed by these districts and State Department of Education in developing and implementing corrective action plans. Title: **SB 2944 - Corrective Action** Source: *Lexis-Nexis*
MS	Died 5/98	Requires State Department of Education to prepare annual comprehensive evaluation report on state of public education in each county; requires department to publish report in conjunction with Mississippi Report Card. Title: **HB 244 - Annual Report Card** Source: *Lexis-Nexis*
NC	Enacted 6/97	Requires certified staff members employed in lowest-performing schools to take general knowledge test; requires study and remediation for staff members who do not pass and dismissal proceedings for staff members who fails test three times; requires, by year 2000, certified staff members in all low-performing schools to take either general knowledge or area of certification competency test; calls on state board to develop plan to create rigorous student performance standards for grades K-8 and courses in grades 9-12 that align, when possible, with National Assessment of Educational Progress standards; requires plan to include clear and understandable methods of reporting student performance to parents. Title: **Excellent Schools Act - General Knowledge Tests, etc.** Source: *Legis. Educ. Staff Network-Kory Goldsmith, NC Research Division*
NE	Enacted 4/98	Adopts Quality Education Accountability Act; provides incentive payments to local systems that have adopted academic standards promulgated by State Board of Education, have system of alternative education for all expelled students, have approved program for learners with high ability, and where 60% of graduation seniors have taken standard college admissions test and have above-average aggregate score. Title: **LB 1228 - Quality Education Accountability** Source: *Lexis-Nexis*

STATE	STATUS	SUMMARY
NH	Died 2/98	Grants State Board of Education discretionary authority to apply percentage loss of state funding instead of complete loss of state financial aid for school or school district failure to meet minimum mandatory standards for public school approval; recategorizes existing standards into mandatory and recommended classification. Title: **HB 1273 - Mandatory Standards** Source: *Lexis-Nexis*
NH	Enacted 5/98	Requires Department of Education to publish annual report of special education statistics detailing certain specific categories to be analyzed statewide and by individual school districts; makes report available to legislators, school districts and general public. Title: **HB 1526 - Special Education Annual Report** Source: *Lexis-Nexis*
NV	Enacted 7/97	Part of Nevada Educational Reform Act of 1997 — *Additional data*: Districts to collect and report additional data concerning presence of computer technology, average daily attendance of pupils and teachers, persons taking statewide achievement tests. Mandatory participation in National Assessment of Educational Progress. Schools to report expenditures. New 10th-grade norm-referenced test. Incidents involving alcohol or controlled substances reported. High schools to report percentage of prior year's graduates in remedial courses at UCCSN. Participation of parents in school activities reported. *Additional uses of accountability reports*: Requires school district's accountability report and improvement plan to be attached to district's annual budget when approved. *Clarifications*: Specifies that school districts use data in accountability report for analyzing system, identifying problem areas, establishing improvement plan for and monitoring success. Establishes role of third-party evaluation of district accountability reports and school improvement efforts. Title: **SB 482 - Nevada Education Reform Act of 1997 - Data Collection and Reporting** Source: Nevada legislative staff
NV	Enacted 7/97	Part of Nevada Education Reform Act of 1997 — *Identification*: Uses existing state accountability indicator system to identify schools failing to demonstrate adequate achievement. Other factors for evaluation include review of pupil and teacher attendance. *Remediation*: First year — School board prepares improvement plan and schools are to use approved remediation programs. Second year — Department prepares/revises school improvement plan and names panel to evaluate school. Third year — Department revises plan and authorizes school panel to take any action needed to improve school, including appointment of new administrator. Title: **SB 482 - Nevada Education Reform Act of 1997 - School Improvement Plan** Source: Nevada legislative staff
NV	Enacted 7/97	Part of Nevada Education Reform Act of 1997 — *Legislative Committee on Education*: Eight members: four senators and four assembly members. Reviews accountability program, monitors condition of public education, education finance, SMART program and class-size reduction program. Prescribes standards for review of school accountability programs and recommends remedial programs proven effective. *Legislative Bureau of Educational Accountability and Program Evaluation*: Collects and analyzes data and reports on statewide accountability program, class-size reduction program, special education and other reform initiatives. Authorizes bureau to contract for review and analysis of district accountability reports. Title: **SB 482 - Nevada Education Reform Act of 1997 - Review Committee** Source: Nevada legislative staff
OK	Enacted 7/97	Recreates Education Oversight Board, authorizing gubernatorial appointment of two nonlegislative members and two legislative members appointed by House speaker and Senate president pro-tempore; increasing terms from three years to five; making funding for Office of Accountability a designated line item in annual State Board of Education budget; designating Education Oversight Board to make budget recommendations for Office of Accountability to State Department of Education; transferring certain duties from state board to Oversight Board. Title: **Education Oversight Board** Source: *Oklahoma State School Boards Association*

STATE	STATUS	SUMMARY
SC	Enacted 6/98	Relates to quality controls and productivity rewards — enacts South Carolina Performance and Accountability for Excellence in Teaching and Learning Act; establishes grade-specific statewide academic standards for mathematics, English/language arts and science; establishes criteria for assessment, evaluation, rating and accreditation of school and student performance in reference to statewide academic standards; establishes oversight committee to monitor act's impact Title: **SB 850 - Performance Accountability** Source: *Lexis-Nexis*
TN	Enacted 4/98	Authorizes state agencies to remedy local school placed on probation and meet needs for capital expenditures Title: **HB 3303 - Remedies for Probation** Source: *Lexis-Nexis*
VA	Enacted 4/98	Requires school boards to report annually, on or before January 1, to the public the pupil/teacher ratios in current school year by school, teacher, grade and class; includes only teachers who teach grade and class on full-time basis and excludes resource teachers in elementary school grades and classes and all special education teachers, principals, assistant principals, counselors and librarians in elementary, middle and secondary schools Title: **HB 211 - Pupil/Teacher Ratios** Source: *Lexis-Nexis*
VA	Proposed 2/98	Establishes within Department of Education a unit to conduct evaluation studies and provide resources and technical assistance to increase school divisions' capacity to deliver quality instruction; identifies and analyzes effective instructional programs and practices and professional development initiatives; evaluates success of parental involvement programs Title: **HB 710 - Department of Education Evaluation Unit** Source: *Lexis-Nexis*
WA	Enacted 4/98	Enhances student achievement accountability. Provides that as of December 15, 1998, each school district board of directors shall select the reading standard results on either the 1997 or 1998 Washington assessment of student learning as the district's initial baseline reading standard; establishes three-year, districtwide goal to increase the percentage of students who meet or exceed the reading standard on the 4th-grade assessment Title: **HB 2849 - Student Achievement Accountability** Source: *Lexis-Nexis*
WI	Enacted 6/98	Relates to information included in annual school and school district performance reports Title: **AB 883 - Performance Reports** Source: *Lexis-Nexis*
WV	Enacted 4/98	Provides legislative intent for establishing process of standards, assessment, accountability and capacity building to assure that thorough-and-efficient system of schools is provided Title: **HB 4306 - Establishing Accountability** Source: *Lexis-Nexis*

ACCREDITATION		
STATE	**STATUS**	**SUMMARY**
IA	Enacted 5/98	Requires State Board of Education to adopt rules relating to incorporation of accountability for student achievement into the education standards and accreditation process Title: **HB 2272 - Incorporating Accountability into Accreditation Process** Source: *Lexis-Nexis*

STATE	STATUS	SUMMARY
MS	Died 5/98	Requires State Board of Education to exempt school districts meeting level four or five accreditation from compulsory accreditation standards established by rule of regulation unless standard specifically applies to those districts; exempts districts meeting level four or five accreditation from statutory requirements that the state board has authority to waive Title: **SB 2082 - Accreditation Standards** Source: *Lexis-Nexis*
MS	Died 5/98	Requires annual Mississippi Report Card to include special report assessing implementation of Mississippi Adequate Education Program in all school districts with less than level III accreditation; authorizes child prep to develop and conduct such assessment and to prescribe assessment components; requires annual report with recommendations to legislature Title: **SB 2836 - Implementing Mississippi's Adequate Education Program** Source: *Lexis-Nexis*
VA	Enacted 4/98	Requires Board of Education to include in student outcome measures, required by Standards for Accreditation, end-of-course tests for various grade levels and classes, as determined by the board; requires assessments to include but not be limited to, tests for English, mathematics, science and social studies; requires board to develop and implement an end-of-course test for world geography Title: **HB 356 - Student Outcome Measures** Source: *Lexis-Nexis*

ADMINISTRATORS/PRINCIPALS		
STATE	**STATUS**	**SUMMARY**
NH	Proposed 12/ 97	Requires school administration evaluation policy or program to allow teachers the opportunity to submit input into the evaluation of their principal or supervisor Title: **HB 1449 - Administrative Evaluation** Source: *Lexis-Nexis*
OH	Proposed 11/97	Makes certain changes concerning the termination, suspension and evaluation of certain administrative personnel of school districts and educational service centers Title: **SB 190 - Administrative Evaluation** Source: *Lexis-Nexis*
OK	Proposed 1/98	Relates to schools and to dismissal or suspension of an administrator Title: **HB 2751 - Suspension of Administrators** Source: *Lexis-Nexis*
OK	Enacted 6/97	Modifies teacher preparation competencies for administrators to include skills necessary to be effective leader of school or school district; requires competency examination to include subject areas for licensure or certification as administrator; provides that professional development institutes automatically qualify for professional development purposes and be defined as continuing education experiences consisting of minimum of 30 clock hours; designates Oklahoma Commission for Teacher Preparation as lead agency responsible for coordinating preparation of joint funding plan for teacher education, licensure and certification Title: **HB 1559 - Oklahoma Teacher Preparation Act** Source: *Oklahoma State School Boards Association*
OK	Enacted 4/98	Allows credit for certain education and work experience to be considered toward administrator certification; provides for inactive status for administrators Title: **SB 1013 - Administrator Certification** Source: *Lexis-Nexis*

STATE	STATUS	SUMMARY
TN	Enacted 5/98	Abolishes principal-administrator academy Title: **HB 2487 - Principal-Administrator Academy** Source: *Lexis-Nexis*

ADULT EDUCATION		
STATE	**STATUS**	**SUMMARY**
KY	Enacted 3/98	Creates Division of Workforce Investment in the Department of Adult Education and Literacy in the Cabinet for Workforce Development, changes name of the Division of Management and Support Services to the Division of Management Services in the Department of Adult Education and Literacy in the Cabinet for Workforce Development Title: **SB 158 - Division of Workforce Investment** Source: *Lexis-Nexis*
NJ	Died 98	Establishes a pilot program for the education and training of adult students within the regular education program of a public school district Title: **AB 3248 - Adult Education Pilot Program** Source: *Lexis-Nexis*

ASSESSMENT/TESTING		
STATE	**STATUS**	**SUMMARY**
CA	Enacted 9/97	Directs the State Board of Education to adopt statewide academically rigorous content and performance standards in the core curriculum areas of reading, writing and mathematics no later than January 1, 1998, and in the core curriculum areas of history/social science and science no later than November 1, 1998. Repeals the pupil testing incentive program and instead establishes the STAR Program in grades 2-11 Title: **SB 376 - Standards & Assessment** Source: *Association of California School Administrators*
DE	Enacted 7/97	Establishes criteria for the student testing program, establishes design objectives for the state assessment program, requires the Department of Education to produce recommendations on a comprehensive system of accountability, clarifies that by the 2000-2001 school year students will be required to demonstrate proficiency under the state standards in mathematics and English/language arts to receive a high school diploma Title: **SB 182 - Student Assessment** Source: *Lexis-Nexis*
KY	Enacted 4/98	Requires references to allegations or findings that a teacher, administrator or other school employee acted improperly relating to the Statewide Assessment Program before the effective date of this act be expunged from the individual's personnel file in the local district and references to the case be removed from agency files retained by the Department of Education and the Education Professional Standards Board Title: **SB 133 - Statewide Assessment Program** Source: *Lexis-Nexis*
LA	Enacted 4/98	Allows multi-year contracts for education testing services used in the school and district accountability system Title: **HB 26 - Educational Testing Services** Source: *Lexis-Nexis*
LA	Enacted 4/98	Relates to the grades in which students are tested pursuant to the Louisiana Educational Assessment Program Title: **HB 116 - Educational Assessment Program** Source: *Lexis-Nexis*
MI	Proposed 6/97	Prohibits employers, employment agencies and education institutions from using certain group-norming methods of scoring tests Title: **SB 615 - Prohibition on Group-norming Test Scoring** Source: *Lexis-Nexis*

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NH	Died 2/98	Revises Education Improvement and Assessment Program by redefining and requiring minimum satisfactory assessment scores; offers remedial assistance for pupils not attaining minimum satisfactory performance Title: **HB 1355 - Education Improvement Assessment Program** Source: *Lexis-Nexis*
NH	Enacted 6/98	Requires that pupil assessment materials used in the statewide education assessment and improvement system be made accessible to parents or legal guardians within 45 days of administering the test to the child and that assessment results obtained from the statewide education assessment and improvement system stored at the Department of Education shall not include individual pupil names or codes Title: **SB 451 - Parent Access to Student Assessments** Source: *Lexis-Nexis*
NV	Enacted 5/97	Extends the period during which the Department of Education may expend certain money appropriated during the previous legislative session to pay for costs relating to standard examinations of achievement and proficiency of pupils Title: **AB 523 - Funding for Achievement Examinations** Source: *Lexis-Nexis*
OH	Died 6/97	Requires that high school diplomas be granted to students who pass all but one of the 9th-grade proficiency tests and achieve in high school at least a 3.0 gradepoint average and a 95% attendance rate Title: **HB 492 - Graduation Requirements** Source: *Lexis-Nexis*
SC	Enacted 6/98	Establishes criteria for assessment, evaluation, rating and accreditation of school and student performance in reference to statewide academic standards; establishes oversight committee to monitor impact of act Title: **SB 850 - Performance Accountability** Source: *Lexis-Nexis*
SD	Enacted 2/98	Repeals the waiver of academic achievement tests for special-education students Title: **SB 200 - Achievement Tests for Special Education** Source: *Lexis-Nexis*
VA	Enacted 4/98	Phases out the current Literacy Passport testing requirements set forth in the Standards of Quality as follows: in school year 1997-98, the Literacy Passport Test shall be administered to students in grades 6, 7 and 8 and to graded students and ungraded students, as applicable, in grades 9-12, and to adults and students returning to upgrade a certificate of completion or special diploma to a standard or advanced studies diploma Title: **SB 120 & HB 409 - Literacy Passport Testing** Source: *Lexis-Nexis*
VA	Enacted 4/98	Requires the Board of Education to include in the student outcome measures, required by the Standards for Accreditation, end-of-course tests for various grade levels and classes, as determined by the board; assessments must include but not be limited to, tests for English, mathematics, science and social studies; requires the board to develop and implement an end-of-course test for world geography Title: **HB 356 - Student Assessments** Source: *Lexis-Nexis*
VT	Enacted 4/98	Renames state certified academic high school diploma "Governor's Diploma"; establishes standardized academic test results rather than academic achievement as determining eligibility for graduation; requires State Board of Education to develop standards, tests and test procedures Title: **SB 234 - Graduation Requirements** Source: *Lexis-Nexis*

STATE	STATUS	SUMMARY
WV	Enacted 4/98	Provides legislative intent for establishing a process of standards, assessment, acccountability and capacity building to provide assurances that a thorough-and-efficient system of schools is being provided Title: **HB 4306 - School Accountability** Source: *Lexis-Nexis*

AT-RISK YOUTH/DROPOUT PREVENTION		
STATE	**STATUS**	**SUMMARY**
KY	Enacted 4/98	Eliminates the 60-day notification and waiting period prior to a student who has not yet turned 18 being able to withdraw from school; requires that a student who has dropped out and enrolled in a home school and who requests reinstatement of a driver's license show proof to the public school administrator that the academic deficiencies the student had while enrolled in public school have been corr Title: **HB 900 - Home Schooling for At-Risk Students** Source: *Lexis-Nexis*
NE	Died 5/98	Investigate the dropout rate in Nebraska schools, including factors that influence the rate, means that may be used to lower the dropout rate in Nebraska Schools; appropriates alternatives for students who have dropped out; requires alternative schools, classes and education programs; determines how at-risk students should be counted Title: **LR 137 - Prevention of At-Risk Dropouts** Source: *Lexis-Nexis*

ATTENDANCE		
STATE	**STATUS**	**SUMMARY**
AK	Enacted 6/98	Relates to part-time public school students Title: **HB 367 - Part-time Public School Students** Source: *Lexis-Nexis*
AZ	Enacted 5/98	Expands truancy statute to cover charter schools and students being home schooled; states that school principal or designee has power to decide whether or not reason exists for a child not to be required to attend school; defines "truant" to mean unexcused absence for at least one class period during the day Title: **HB 2218 - Truancy in Charter Schools and Home Schools** Source: *Lexis-Nexis*
CT	Enacted 6/98	Expands duties of judicial branch in truancy cases; authorizes a demonstration project to establish a school- and community-based truancy prevention initiative; relates to programs and services concerning truancy Title: **SB 448 - Truancy** Source: *Lexis-Nexis*
LA	Died 98	Repeals provision permitting a student between the ages of 16 and 17 to withdraw from school prior to graduation with written consent from parent, tutor or guardian Title: **HB 451 - Withdrawal from School Prior to Graduation** Source: *Lexis-Nexis*
MI	Proposed 7/97	Authorizes loss of credit or grade reduction for excessive absenteeism Title: **HB 5008 - Excessive Absenteeism** Source: *Lexis-Nexis*
MN	Died 5/98	Gives school district the authority, by annual board action, to compel students to attend summer school, based on criteria adopted at the time of taking such action; defines habitual truancy in such cases as five days' absence from summer school Title: **HB 2276 - Truancy in Mandatory Summer School** Source: *Lexis-Nexis*

STATE	STATUS	SUMMARY
MO	Proposed 12/97	Requires compulsory school attendance until age 18; conditions the issuance of driving privileges on school attendance; requires parental permission to apply for a driver's license or learner's permit; applies to students in home schools, vocational schools, public and nonpublic secondary schools and high school equivalency courses; and special education programs Title: **HB 928 - Attendance Requirement for Driver's License** Source: *Lexis-Nexis*
MS	Died 5/98	Provides that a child's second truancy offense constitutes a delinquent act Title: **SB 2003 - Second Truancy Offense** Source: *Lexis-Nexis*
MS	Enacted 4/98	Creates Division of Compulsory School Attendance Enforcement under State Department of Education to effectuate uniform, statewide system of enforcement of state's school attendance law; provides for state superintendent of education to appoint division director; establishes division powers and duties; creates position of school attendance officers Title: **HB 1443 - School Attendance** Source: *Lexis-Nexis*
NH	Proposed 12/97	Provides kindergarten tuition reimbursement, under the provisions of the Kindergarten Aid Law, directly to parents who live in a school district that has voted not to establish a kindergarten program; mandates that all public schools require a child to be 6 years of age or older by September 30 to be eligible to attend school in that year Title: **HB 1398 - Kindergarten Tuition Reimbursement** Source: *Lexis-Nexis*
NJ	Died 98	Requires school absence resulting from suspension to be counted as unexcused absence Title: **SB 2182 - School Absence** Source: *Lexis-Nexis*
OH	Proposed 6/97	Requires Board of Education to adopt grade promotion and retention policy that prohibits promotion of a student to the next grade level if the student has been truant for more than 10% of the required school attendance days and has failed two or more subject areas, unless principal and teachers agree the student is academically prepared to be promoted Title: **SB 135 - Truancy and Promotion** Source: *Ohio School Boards Association*
OH	Proposed 11/97	Requires child under age 6 who attends kindergarten to be considered of compulsory school age Title: **HB 631 - Kindergarten Compulsory Attendance** Source: *Lexis-Nexis*
RI	Enacted 7/98	Requires that children placed in foster care receive the same appropriate public education available to all other eligible residents of the city or town where the child is placed Title: **SB 2481 - Foster Care** Source: *Lexis-Nexis*
RI	Enacted 7/98	Permits a school committee to suspend a student's working papers because of absenteeism or conduct that would justify a suspension from school Title: **HB 7310 - Suspending Working Papers for Absenteeism** Source: *Lexis-Nexis*
TN	Enacted 5/98	Allows children of teacher to attend school at which such parent or guardian teacher is employed, either in same or different district Title: **HB 2867 - Children of Teachers** Source: *Lexis-Nexis*

STATE	STATUS	SUMMARY
UT	Enacted 3/98	Appropriates $500,000 from the general fund to the State Board of Education for grants to districts to establish Truancy Support Center Title: **HB 106 - Truancy Support Center** Source: *Lexis-Nexis*
VA	Enacted 4/98	Provides that both parents will receive notice of a pupil's absences from school for three consecutive days or five days in one calendar month when parents have been awarded joint physical custody Title: **HB 1278 - Parent Notice of Absences** Source: *Lexis-Nexis*
WI	Died 4/98	Relates to truancy planning committees and school district truancy plans, requires each school board to review and, if appropriate, revise its truancy plan at least once every two years, county truancy planning commission must consist of representatives of school districts, district attorney, attorney, sheriff's department, another local law enforcement agency, circuit court, county social services agency and juvenile court intake unit Title: **SB 273 - Truancy Planning Committees** Source: *Lexis-Nexis*
WI	Enacted 4/98	Relates to the Minnesota-Wisconsin student reciprocity agreement Title: **SB 346 - Reciprocity Agreements** Source: *Lexis-Nexis*
WI	Enacted 6/98	Relates to compulsory school attendance, habitual truancy, penalties for contributing to truancy, truancy planning committees, school district truancy plans Title: **WI 686 - Compulsory School Attendance and Truancy Plans** Source: *Lexis-Nexis*
WY	Enacted 3/98	Relates to compulsory school attendance; provides for an appeals process to release the compulsory school attendance requirement for parents of a child who has reached his 16th birthday but has not completed 8th grade Title: **HB 51 - Compulsory School Attendance Appeals Process** Source: *Lexis-Nexis*

BILINGUAL EDUCATION

STATE	STATUS	SUMMARY
AZ	Died 5/98	Relates to bilingual programs and English as a Second Language (ESL) instruction Title: **HB 2532 & SB 1420 - Bilingual Programs and ESL** Source: *Lexis-Nexis*
MA	Proposed 7/97	Prohibits Board of Education from making certain changes to bilingual education laws Title: **HB 4812 - Bilingual Education** Source: *Lexis-Nexis*
NV	Enacted 5/97	Appropriates funds to the Clark County School District for continuation of the pilot program for instruction of pupils whose primary language is not English Title: **AB 558 - English as a Second Language** Source: *Lexis-Nexis*

BUSINESS/INDUSTRY/EDUCATION

STATE	STATUS	SUMMARY
TN	Enacted 5/98	Relates to the establishment of a state-funded incentive program designed to stimulate business and corporate involvement in student financial aid by partially subsidizing students in career-related work-study positions Title: **HB 2366 - Business Support of Education** Source: *Lexis-Nexis*

STATE	STATUS	SUMMARY
VA	Died 6/98	Establishes Business and Education Grants Program and Fund with Board of Education administration; supports 16 matching grants to be awarded annually on a competitive basis to school divisions; supports innovative partnerships between school divisions and local business and industry; requires establishment of local business advisory councils; provides that the councils are to evaluate education programs and make recommendations Title: **HB 433 - Business and Education Grants Program** Source: *Lexis-Nexis*
VA	Vetoed 4/98	Establishes Business and Education Grants Program and Fund with Board of Education administration; supports 16 matching grants to be awarded annually on a competitive basis to school divisions, with two grants for each superintendent's region; supports innovative partnerships between school divisions and local business industry Title: **SB 168 - Business and Education Grants Program and Fund** Source: *Lexis-Nexis*

CHARTER SCHOOLS		
STATE	**STATUS**	**SUMMARY**
AZ	Enacted 5/98	Relates to education services to be provided to charter schools upon request; states that county school superintendent may provide same education services to charter school, if the school asks for them, as required by law for an accommodation school; states superintendent can change fee to recover costs incurred for services to charter school Title: **HB 2275 - Educational Services for Charter Schools** Source: *Lexis-Nexis*
CA	Enacted 5/98	Authorizes 250 charter schools to operate in 1998-99 and 100 new charters in subsequent years; requires a charter to elect whether to operate as district entity or as nonprofit public-benefit corporation; allows new or existing schools to become charters if enough parents or teachers sign a petition; requires petitioners to provide financial statements; tightens requirements for charter school teachers; requires boards to hold a hearing and make written factual findings before denying charter petitions Title: **AB 544 - Charter Schools** Source: *ED CAL*
CO	Died 98	Concerns the provision of alternative chartering authority for charter schools Title: **HB 1298 - Charter Schools** Source: *Lexis-Nexis*
CO	Enacted 4/98	Repeals provision that would otherwise repeal the "Charter Schools Act" on July 1, 1998 Title: **SB 63 - Charter Schools Act** Source: *Lexis-Nexis*
DE	Enacted 7/98	Allows the siblings of children chosen to attend or attending charter schools preference in enrollment; corrects the current situation, which allows sibling preference for choice in district schools but not charter schools Title: **SB 382 - Sibling Preferences in School Choice** Source: *Lexis-Nexis*
GA	Enacted 5/98	Enacts Charter Schools Act of 1998, which expands current charter school law to allow for petition for charter school status by existing local school or parties other than local school (i.e., existing local public school, private individual, private organization or state or local public entity). Charter petitioner cannot be home-study program or school, sectarian school, religious school, private for-profit school, private education institution not established, operated or governed by the State of Georgia, or existing private school Title: **HB 353 - Charter Schools Act of 1998** Source: *Professional Association of Georgia Educators*

STATE	STATUS	SUMMARY
ID	Enacted 3/98	Provides authorization for establishment of public charter schools, addresses state financial support; describes application of school law, accountability and exemption from state rules Title: **HB 517 - Public Charter Schools** Source: *Lexis-Nexis*
ID	Enacted 98	Allows current public schools to convert to charter school status or private groups to establish schools, spells out limitations for charter schools, including: must be nonsectarian or nonreligious; no private or parochial school may be converted to charter school; charter schools cannot charge tuition, levy taxes or issue bonds; may not discriminate against any student on any basis prohibited by federal, state or local laws or constitutions; no school district employee can be involuntarily assigned to work in a charter school; no board of trustees shall require any student to attend charter school; no district may be converted to charter district. Allows for 60 schools to be established in first five years with only one charter school allowed in a school district and allows two charter schools each year to be approved in each of the state's six regions; requires charter schools to apply to school boards in their districts; provides appeal process; allows state education dollars to follow students to charter school; exempts charter schools from some restrictions on spending and prevents them from receiving funds for special education, alternative schools and transportation Title: **Charter School Legislation** Author: *State Department of Education*
MD	Enacted 5/98	Establishes a Public Charter School Program; provides requirements and criteria for establishment of public charter school; specifies procedure under which county board of education may grant charter; provides for creation, operation, governance and personnel policies of public charter school and for certain admissions guidelines Title: **HB 999 - Public Charter Schools** Source: *Lexis-Nexis*
MN	Enacted 6/97	Removes cap of 40 charter schools; makes available $50,000 start-up grants for charters, with separate grants available to help repair facilities; allows private colleges to serve as sponsors Title: **HB 1 & SB 1 - Charter Schools** Source: *Lexis-Nexis*
NH	Enacted 6/98	Amends the Charter School Law by adding statutory "hold harmless" language; revises the method used to determine the average cost per pupil; removes the requirement that charter school boards of trustees solicit advice from the school board Title: **HB 1501 - Charter Schools** Source: *Lexis-Nexis*
OH	Proposed 6/97	Authorizes the creation of community schools Title: **HB 489 - Community Schools** Source: *Lexis-Nexis*
RI	Enacted 7/98	Amends Charter Public Schools Act by providing further details as to how a charter public school shall be established and operated Title: **HB 7363 - Charter Schools** Source: *Lexis-Nexis*
TX	Enacted 97	Expands charter school law adopted in 1995 that authorized 20 open-enrollment charters; allows State Board of Education to grant up to 100 new open-enrollment charters for schools that adopt a policy providing for administration of students transferring from low-performing schools; allows additional charters to be granted if 75% of the prospective students have dropped out of school or are at risk of dropping out Title: **Open-Enrollment Charters** Source: *Southern Regional Education Board Legislative Report*

STATE	STATUS	SUMMARY
UT	Enacted 3/98	Relates to schools for 21st century; provides for a three-year Schools for the 21st Century Program of Continuous Improvement and requirements for participation; requires an action plan; provides for the selection of participants, funding and incentive awards; $2 million appropriation; creation of up to eight charter schools as a component of Schools for the 21st Century; and chartering process Title: **HB 145 - Schools for the 21st Century Program** Source: *Lexis-Nexis*
VA	Enacted 4/98	Authorizes establishment of charter schools in Virginia Title: **HB 543 - Charter Schools** Source: *Lexis-Nexis*
VA	Enacted 5/98	Establishes a mechanism for developing and operating charter schools; authorizes the local school boards to operate with flexibility and a waiver of regulations from the Board of Education; states that local school boards make the final decisions on how many; approval, renewal and revocation of charters; establishes the term be no more than three years Title: **SB 318 - Charter Schools** Source: *Lexis-Nexis*
WI	Enacted 6/98	Relates to charter schools, school districts, librarians and contracting; prohibits contracts that would result in the conversion of a private, sectarian school to a charter school Title: **AB 631 - Charter Schools** Source: *Lexis-Nexis*

CHILD ABUSE/PROTECTION		
STATE	**STATUS**	**SUMMARY**
WI	Enacted 6/98	Creates child-abuse and neglect-prevention program; allows for medical assistance for certain case-management services; authorizes child-abuse and neglect-prevention board to form nonprofit corporation and award early childhood family education center grants; provides for training programs and requirements for staff of county departments or licensed welfare agencies Title: **SB 378 - Child Abuse Prevention Program** Source: *Lexis-Nexis*

CHOICE		
STATE	**STATUS**	**SUMMARY**
CO	Enacted 4/98	Requires any high school student who enrolls in courses at an institution of higher education under the "Postsecondary Enrollment Options Act," or the pupil's parent or guardian, to pay the tuition required for such courses; requires school district to reimburse tuition paid after student provides evidence of class completion; requires school district to pay postsecondary tuition for pupils eligible for free or reduced-cost school lunches, but requires student or parent to repay if student does not complete the course Title: **HB 1162 - Postsecondary Enrollment Options Act** Source: *Bill Board Legislative Newsletter*
DE	Proposed 7/97	Allows for termination of a choice student's enrollment on the grounds of certain disruptive behavior with the approval of both the district of residence and the receiving district; adds two new situations to the menu of reasons for which student may be released early from two-year commitment to remain in the choice district; allows district of residence, receiving district and new district of enrollment to agree to a pro-ratio of student funding Title: **HB 330 - Termination of Choice Students** Source: *Lexis -Nexis*

STATE	STATUS	SUMMARY
ID	Enacted 3/98	Provides that a pupil's enrollment in courses for secondary credit shall be counted as four hours a day for purposes of determining the local district's instructional time even if actual time is less; clarifies that four semester college credits shall equal at least two semesters of high school credit in a particular subject. Title: **HB 754 - Postsecondary Enrollment Options** Source: *Lexis-Nexis*
MN	Enacted 6/97	Removes cap of 40 schools; makes available $50,000 start-up grants for charters with other grants to help repair facilities; allows private colleges to serve as sponsors. Title: **HB 1 & SB 1 - Charter Schools** Source: *Lexis-Nexis*
MO	Enacted 6/98	Allows eligible students to attend vocational or academic classes on a college or university campus and receive both high school and college credit for course completion. Title: **SB 553 - Credit for College Courses** Source: *Lexis-Nexis*
MS	Enacted 4/98	Authorizes the Boards of Trustees of the Community and Junior College Districts to establish Dual Enrollment Program under which academically qualified high school students may enroll at community or junior colleges while still enrolled in high school; and to prescribe certain requirements for the program. Title: **SB 2381 - Dual Enrollment Program** Source: *Lexis-Nexis*
NM	Enacted 3/98	Provides for open enrollment in the public schools. Title: **SB 64 - Open Enrollment** Source: *Lexis-Nexis*
OH	Died 6/97	Permits school district and joint vocational school districts to admit students to a district vocational education program from any school district in the state under open enrollment. Title: **HB 497 & HB 498 - Vocational School Admission** Source: *Lexis-Nexis*
OK	Died 7/98	Directs secretary of state to refer to the people for their approval or rejection of a proposed constitutional amendment; provides for enactment of certain laws establishing school choice; establishes certain rights of schoolchildren and school districts. Title: **HJR 1060 - Constitutional Amendment for School Choice** Source: *Lexis-Nexis*
SD	Enacted 2/98	Revises certain provisions relating to statewide open enrollment of students in public school districts. Title: **HB 1024 - Open Enrollment** Source: *Lexis-Nexis*

COLLECTIVE BARGAINING		
STATE	**STATUS**	**SUMMARY**
MO	Proposed 12/97	Establishes collective bargaining rights for certain public school employees. Title: **SB 507 - Collective Bargaining** Source: *Lexis-Nexis*
WI	Died 7/98	Relates to ratification of agreement negotiated between State of Wisconsin and Wisconsin Education Association Council, for the 1997-99 biennium, covering employees in the professional education collective bargaining unit and authorizing an expenditure of funds. Title: **SB 303 - Collective Bargaining** Source: *Lexis-Nexis*

COMMUNITY EDUCATION		
STATE	**STATUS**	**SUMMARY**
KY	Enacted 4/98	Creates the Council for Community Education to advise the commissioner of education and the Department of Education on issues relating to community education programs and to make recommendations for funding local community education programs Title: **HB 78 - Community Education** Source: *Lexis-Nexis*

COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT		
STATE	**STATUS**	**SUMMARY**
NY	Proposed 6/97	Authorizes commissioner to provide incentive grants for school and community partnership programs and to make three-year competitive grants to school districts that apply. Over the three-year period, state support decreases as local support increases (first year, 90% state/10% local; second year, 50%/50%; and third year, 3%/70%). Also appropriates funds for one full-time staff position in the State Education Department to administer the grants Title: **AB 1348 - Community Partnership** Source: *New York State School Boards Association*
OH	Proposed 11/97	Allows boards of education to establish programs under which senior citizens can volunteer in the public schools in exchange for real property tax relief Title: **SB 195 - Community Involvement in Public Schools** Source: *Lexis-Nexis*

COMMUNITY SERVICE/VOLUNTEERISM		
STATE	**STATUS**	**SUMMARY**
DE	Enacted 7/98	Sets out specific requirements and benefits for students who may perform volunteer community service to earn a high school credit called "Delaware Volunteer." Title: **HB 506 - High School Credit for Volunteer Service** Source: *Lexis-Nexis*
MS	Died 5/98	Requires for high school graduation 75 hours of student community service or equivalent program approved by the state superintendent of education Title: **SB 2074 - Community Service** Source: *Lexis-Nexis*
PA	Died 10/97	Provides for mandated community service as a requirement for graduation from all public high schools Title: **HB 1908 - Mandated Community Service for Graduation** Source: *Lexis-Nexis*
RI	Enacted 6/98	Requires the Department of Education to develop a community service requirement for high school and general equivalency diploma qualification Title: **SB 2383 - Community Service Requirement** Author: *Lexis-Nexis*

COMPENSATORY EDUCATION		
STATE	**STATUS**	**SUMMARY**
IA	Enacted 4/98	Adds services funded by Title I of the federal Elementary and Secondary Education Act of 1965 to the list of services that may be provided to nonpublic school students on nonpublic school premises Title: **SB 2348 - Services for Nonpublic Students** Source: *Lexis-Nexis*
NJ	Enacted 5/98	Allows remedial programs for nonpublic school students to be held on the premises of the nonpublic school Title: **SB 93 - Remedial Programs** 20 Source: *Lexis-Nexis*

CORRECTIONAL INSTITUTION EDUCATION		
STATE	**STATUS**	**SUMMARY**
FL	Enacted 5/98	Requires Juvenile Justice Advisory Board to conduct study regarding education programs for juvenile offenders, requires performance review by Office of Program Policy Analysis and Government Accountability, revises provisions regarding alternative education programs for students in residential care facilities, provides for certain coordination with school district dropout prevention programs, provides school board and district duties Title: **HB 4315 - Education for Juvenile Offenders** Source: *Lexis-Nexis*
ID	Enacted 3/98	Provides for education of disabled adult students housed in adult correctional facilities Title: **SB 1292 - Education of Disabled Adults** Source: *Lexis-Nexis*
NH	Enacted 6/98	Excludes from special education children ages 18-21 in adult correctional facility not identified as having a disability prior to their incarceration, revises procedure for appointing surrogate parent, requires Department of Education to establish committee to review parent consent requirements and structure of state's due process hearing system, requires that sending districts be notified of court-ordered placements Title: **HB 1597 - Special Education in Correctional Facilities** Source: *Lexis-Nexis*
UT	Enacted 3/98	Sets goal for the Department of Corrections of having all eligible inmates productively involved in a treatment, education or work program Title: **HB 272 - Inmates Education Program** Source: *Lexis-Nexis*
VT	Enacted 4/98	Authorizes the designation of the Department of Corrections education program as an independent school Title: **SB 274 - Independent School Designation** Source: *Lexis-Nexis*
WA	Enacted 3/98	Relates to the education of juveniles incarcerated in adult correctional facilities, declares implementation of this act only to the extent that resources are adequate to start up, administer or provide the education programs selected and approved by the superintendent of public instruction and Department of Corrections Title: **SB 6600 - Education of Incarcerated Juveniles** Source: *Lexis-Nexis*
WV	Enacted 4/98	Relates to education of juveniles in predispositional detention facilities Title: **SB 194 - Education for Juveniles in Detention** Source: *Lexis-Nexis*

COUNSELING/GUIDANCE		
STATE	**STATUS**	**SUMMARY**
MS	Died 5/98	Provides funds under the minimum education program to employ school guidance counselors based upon student enrollment, provides certain conditions on the employment of these state-funded counselors and the counseling services to be provided Title: **SB 2103 - School Guidance Counselors** Source: *Lexis-Nexis*

CURRICULUM		
STATE	**STATUS**	**SUMMARY**
AL	Died 4/98	Provides for sign language as a credited foreign language Title: **SB 38 - Sign Language**

STATE	STATUS	SUMMARY
AL	Enacted 95	Provides for the State Board of Education and all local boards to develop and implement within 90 days of July 7, 1995, a comprehensive character education program for all grades to consist of not less than 10 minutes instruction per day focusing upon the students' development of the following character traits: courage, patriotism, citizenship, honesty, fairness, respect for others, kindness, cooperation, self-respect, self-control, courtesy, compassion, tolerance, diligence, generosity, punctuality, cleanliness, cheerfulness, school perseverance. Allows the inclusion of the Pledge of Allegiance to the American flag in each instruction plan. Title: **16-6B-2 - Character Education** Source: *Lexis-Nexis*
AZ	Enacted 5/98	Relates to school curriculum and parental choice for reading success; states that beginning in 2000-2001 school year, school districts with grades K-3 will implement research-based, balanced language arts instruction in listening, speaking, reading and writing. Title: **HB 2130 - Language Arts** Source: *Lexis-Nexis*
AZ	Enacted 5/98	Makes technical changes to existing requirements regarding pupils who do not meet the literacy and reading comprehension standards set by the Board of Education by providing intensive reading instruction without instruction in any other subject matter until the pupil can meet set standards. Title: **HB 2293 - Reading Requirements** Source: *Lexis-Nexis*
AZ	Enacted 5/98	Makes appropriation of $1.4 million to the Department of Education to develop two learning laboratory and space-flight simulator centers in southern and central Arizona to involve children in math, science and technological research "exploring life choices that impact the environment and ultimately their future." Title: **SB 1326 - Math, Science and Technology Learning Laboratories** Source: *Lexis-Nexis*
CO	Enacted 4/98	Amends current law which requires public schools to teach U.S. history and culture to include the history, culture and contributions of Hispanic Americans, African Americans and American Indians. Title: **HB 1186 - Contribution of Ethnic Culture and History** Source: *Lexis-Nexis*
CT	Enacted 5/98	Requires each local or regional board of education to develop and implement a three-year plan to improve the reading skills of students in grades K-3; requires the Department of Education to provide technical assistance to local boards. Title: **HB 5657 - Reading Skills** Source: *Lexis-Nexis*
DE	Enacted 7/98	Requires a single day each school year be devoted solely to the study of the U.S. Constitution and Declaration of Independence. Title: **SB 275 - Constitutional Studies** Source: *Lexis-Nexis*
FL	Enacted 5/98	Includes study of Hispanic and women's contributions to the United States in required public school instruction; revises provisions regarding purchase of instructional materials not on state-adopted list. Title: **HB 3407 - Hispanic and Women's Contributions** Source: *Lexis-Nexis*
GA	Died 3/98	Requires all elementary and secondary schools to provide instruction in black history. Title: **HB 1119 - Black History** Source: *Lexis-Nexis*

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GA	Enacted 7/97	Requires State Board of Education to develop comprehensive character education program for grades K-12 focusing on students' development of the following character traits: courage, patriotism, citizenship, honesty, fairness, respect for others, kindness, cooperation, self-respect, self-control, courtesy, compassion, tolerance, diligence, generosity, punctuality, cleanliness, cheerfulness, school pride, respect for the environment, respect for the creator, patience, creativity, sportsmanship, loyalty, perseverance and virtue. Local bonds may implement program at any time and for any grade levels, and state board is to encourage implementation of such plan. Title: **20-2-145 - Comprehensive Character Education Program** Source: *Official Code of Georgia - 1997 Supplement*
GA	Enacted 4/98	Requires instruction regarding the legal consequences of parenthood. Title: **HB 1654 - Parenthood** Source: *Lexis-Nexis*
IL	Died 1/98	Allows public elementary and secondary schools to excuse a student from performing or observing dissection and to allow the student to perform an alternative project. Title: **HB 2365 - Dissection Alternative Act** Source: *Lexis-Nexis*
KY	Enacted 4/98	Establishes the Arts Council as an independent agency within the Education, Arts and Humanities Cabinet; abolishes the Visual Arts Program; authorizes the cabinet secretary, upon council recommendation, to appoint an executive director to head the council. Title: **SB 160 - Arts Council** Source: *Lexis-Nexis*
KY	Enacted 4/98	Provides grants to schools to implement reading models, including phonics instruction; requires state education board to establish application process and criteria for funding grants; requires applicants to allocate matching funds; creates Collaborative Center for Literacy Development of the University of Kentucky to promote literacy development, including training educators. Title: **SB 186 - Early Literacy Incentive Fund** Source: *Lexis-Nexis*
LA	Enacted 5/98	Relates to character education programs in public elementary and secondary schools and to the duties of the Board of Elementary and Secondary Education, the state superintendent and local school systems. Title: **HB 102 - Character Education** Source: *Lexis-Nexis*
MD	Enacted 5/98	Establishes graduated licensing system for new drivers under the Maryland Vehicle Law; provides driver education requirements, new restrictions and sanctions applicable to new drivers; requires additional testing and alters requirements to qualify to take specified tests; establishes new sanctions for specified violations by provisional license holders; repeals Maryland's current provisional licensing provisions. Title: **HB 527 - Graduated Licensing System** Source: *Lexis-Nexis*
ME	Enacted 4/98	Creates the Maine Arts in Education Program; appropriates $150,000 to the Maine Arts Commission to allow for implementation of the Arts in Education Program. Title: **HB 1518 - Arts in Education** Source: *Lexis-Nexis*
MI	Died 12/97	Establishes a grant program for improving reading levels in certain disadvantaged schools. Title: **HB 5436 - Reading Skills in Disadvantaged Schools** Source: *Lexis-Nexis*

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MS	Died 5/98	Provides that by the 2000-2001 school year, each school district will implement the comprehensive school health education program in grades K-12, requires the program to teach and stress the advantage of abstinence from premarital sexual activity Title **HB 278 - Health Education** Source *Lexis-Nexis*
MS	Enacted 3/98	Requires school districts to implement character-based education, requires courses containing sex education to include abstinence education, requires schools to provide advance notice to parents of instruction on human sexuality in their child's school Title **HB 1304 - Character Education** Source *Lexis-Nexis*
MS	Died 3/98 & 5/98	Authorizes school districts, at their discretion, to teach comprehensive K-12 character education Title **HB 1226 & SB 2286 - Character Education** Source *Lexis-Nexis*
MS	Died 5/98	Requires all public high schools to teach African-American history and offer programs of drug and alcohol education Title **HB 219 - African-American History** Source *Lexis-Nexis*
MS	Died 5/98	Requires public high schools to provide instruction on human rights issues with emphasis on slavery, genocide and the holocaust, course mandatory for high school graduation Title **HB 248 - Human Rights Education** Source *Lexis-Nexis*
MS	Died 5/98	Provides for the teaching of abstinence as a method of birth control in the comprehensive school health education program Title **HB 249 - Abstinence Education** Source *Lexis-Nexis*
NE	Enacted 7/96	Requires teachers in any public, private, parochial or denominational school to emphasize honesty, morality, courtesy, obedience to law, respect for the national flag, the U.S. and state constitutions, respect for parents and the home, the dignity and necessity of honest labor, and other lessons that promote and develop an "upright and desirable citizenry." Title **79-725 - Character Education** Source *Revised Statutes of Nebraska Annotated*
NH	Died 12/97	Recognizes American sign language as the primary language of deaf citizens, provides college credit courses in American sign language, allows course credit for American sign language taught in public schools Title **HB 1478 - Sign Language** Source *Lexis-Nexis*
NJ	Died 98	Calls upon the State Board of Education to replace language arts standards with English standards adopted by State of Massachusetts Title **SR 112 - English Standards** Source *Lexis-Nexis*
NM	Died 97	Requests State Land Office to continue to work with private, public and nonprofit entities to further the status of environmental education in grades K-12 Title **HJM 45 - Environmental Education** Source *Legislative Education Study Committee*
NY	Proposed 6/97	Requires elementary and secondary schools to offer instruction in the role of labor unions and their interaction with government and business Title **SB 1668 and AB 1968 - Labor Unions** Source *New York State School Boards Association* 24

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OH	Proposed 6/97	Requires public school instruction regarding respect for the U.S. flag. Title: **HB 377 - Respect for U.S. Flag** Source: *Ohio School Boards Association*
OH	Enacted 8/97	Prohibits promotion to 5th grade of any student who fails to attain designated score on prescribed reading test, unless student was excused or principal and reading teacher agree pupil is academically prepared; begins with students entering 4th grade in the 2001-2002 school year; requires district to offer intense remediation services during the summer to students identified as reading below grade level at end of 3rd grade; requires district to offer another opportunity to take the test to students who enter 4th grade after July 1, 2001, and who do not attain designated score by year's end. Title: **3313.608 - 4th-Grade Reading Guarantee** Source: *Ohio Revised Code*
OK	Died 98	Relates to competencies incorporated into the teacher preparation system; requires certain teachers to have certain reading development competencies. Title: **HB 2605 - Reading Development Competencies for Teachers** Source: *Lexis-Nexis*
OK	Enacted 5/98	Requires certain reading proficiency for driver license or permit applications by students; allows for alternative reading proficiency test; requires remediation and certain approvals. Title: **HB 2889 - Incentives for Driver License** Source: *Lexis-Nexis*
OK	Enacted 7/97	Requires any person under age18 who receives a driver's license to document status and passage of 8th-grade reading proficiency test approved by State Department of Education; requires school districts to document, upon request, a student's reading proficiency by passage of the 8th-grade criterion-referenced reading exam; requires school districts to reexamine any student who fails to pass the exam; requires alternative documentation of reading proficiency of certain students with disabilities. Title: **SB 0081 - Reading Proficiency Requirement for Driver's License** Source: *Oklahoma State School Boards Association*
OK	Enacted 7/97	Establishes Oklahoma Advanced Placement Incentive Program; directs State Board of Education to ensure state participation and reporting of results in the National Assessment of Educational Progress; requires state board to recommend revisions of performance standards for criterion-referenced tests required in the Oklahoma State Testing Program. Title: **Advanced Placement, NAEP and CRT Testing** Source: *Oklahoma State School Boards Association*
OK	Enacted 6/97	Creates Reading Sufficiency Act to bring focus to importance of children attaining reading skills early in school career, beginning with 1998-99 school year; requires schools to assess reading skills of all 1st- and 2nd-grade students by multiple ongoing assessments. Any student not reading at grade level will be given reading assessment plan to help him or her acquire appropriate grade-level reading skill. Students on individual education plans, who have limited English proficiency or for whom English is a second language are excepted. Plan must include sufficient in-school instructional time and, if necessary, tutoring after school, on Saturdays and during the summer, along with appropriate teaching methodologies, including phonics. Students with reading assessment plans may continue to progress by grade level. In 3rd grade, reading assessment must include nationally recognized test given mid-year. Students not reading at grade level must receive new reading assessment plans, including specialized tutoring. Plan may recommend student be retained in 3rd grade. Each school site must establish committee to determine reading assessment plans, including certified reading specialist if possible and child's parent or guardian. Each school district must adopt district plan for compliance. Title: **HB 2017 - Reading Sufficiency Act** Source: *1997 Session Highlights - Oklahoma House of Representatives*

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OK	Enacted 6/97	Requires persons under 18 to have passed 8th-grade criterion-referenced reading test or alternative reading proficiency test approved by State Department of Education to get a driver's license; requires school districts to reexamine any student who fails the examination and to administer the test at least six times per year; allows districts to charge up to $25 per reexamination; requires State Board of Education to administer, or contract with school districts to administer, test to any student not enrolled in a public school; allows alternative documentation of reading proficiency for learning-disabled, special education, alternative education and certain other students Title: **SB 81 - Literacy Requirement for Driver's License** Source: *1997 Session Highlights - Oklahoma House of Representative*
OK	Enacted 6/97	Codifies state administration of Oklahoma Advanced Placement (AP) Incentive Program by State Department of Education. In addition to affording secondary students the opportunity for advanced placement in postsecondary education, program is designed to improve course offerings available to high school students throughout the state and to prepare students for admission to and success in postsecondary education. Program's primary focus is to provide financial assistance to teachers and schools to enable them to build and maintain successful AP programs and to provide test fee assistance to needy students. Legislature added $2 million in HB 1872, bringing state commitment up to $4 million. Title: **SB 337 - Advanced Placement Program** Source: *1997 Session Highlights-Oklahoma House of Representatives*
OK	Enacted	Relates to Reading Sufficiency Act; requires district plans to be submitted to State Board of Education Title: **HB 2878 - Reading Sufficiency Act** Source: *Lexis-Nexis*
RI	Proposed 6/97 & 1/98	Endorses character development education in Rhode Island public schools Title: **HB 6980 & SB 1160 (New Bill) - Character Development Education** Source: *Lexis-Nexis*
SC	Proposed 11/97	Relates to State Board of Education authority to allow adjustments in amount of institutional time required in defined minimum program; relates to provision prohibiting requirement of foreign language as prerequisite to receiving regular high school diploma Title: **SB 837 - Foreign Language Graduation Requirement** Source: *Lexis-Nexis*
SC	Enacted 6/98	Relates to study of U.S. Constitution, Declaration of Independence and Federalist Papers as requisite for high school graduation; requires all elementary, middle and high schools to devote Veterans' Day to study of U.S. Constitution and Declaration of Independence Title: **HB 4587 - Constitutional Study Requirement** Source: *Lexis-Nexis*
TX	Enacted 97	Includes $32 million ($7 million in 1998 and $25 million in 1999) for reading academies — "schools-within-schools" that focus on reading. Creates Read to Succeed program for early diagnosis of reading problems in grades K-2, to be funded through sale of special automobile license plates Title: **Reading Academics** Source: *Southern Regional Education Board Legislative Report*
UT	Enacted 3/98	Requires the teaching of American sign language in public middle and high schools; provides that a student who completes an American sign language course at that level may count it as satisfying a foreign language requirement Title: **HB 392 - American Sign Language** Source: *Lexis-Nexis*

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VA	Enacted 4/98	Phases out Literacy Passport testing requirements set forth in Standards of Quality as follows: in school year 1997-98, Literacy Passport Test shall be administered to students in grades 6-8, both graded students and ungraded students, as applicable, in grades 9-12; and to adults and students returning to upgrade certificate of completion or special diploma to standard or advanced studies diploma. Title: **SB 120, HB 409 - Literacy Passport Testing** Source: *Lexis-Nexis*
VA	Died 1/98	Clarifies in Standards of Quality that school boards must include art, music and physical education among those subjects emphasized in programs of instruction for grades K-12; requires school boards to employ only licensed instructional personnel with endorsements in the relevant subject areas to provide this instruction. Title: **HB 23 - Art, Music and Physical Education Programs** Source: *Lexis-Nexis*
VA	Died 6/98	Requires programs of instruction for grades K-12 to include cultural diversity; requires such programs be developed and implemented as age-appropriate curricula focused on sensitivity to and inclusion of diversity, including content standards, learning materials, instructional design and strategies, activities for staff development, and strategies for evaluation and enforcement. Title: **HB 258 - Multicultural Programs of Instruction** Source: *Lexis-Nexis*
VA	Enacted 3/98	Establishes Reading Incentive Grants Program and Fund, to be administered by Board of Education; incentive grants would be awarded on competitive basis to public schools demonstrating low pupil academic performance and used to support successful reading programs, including but not limited to, the Virginia Reading Recovery Program. Title: **SB 558 - Reading Incentive Grants** Source: *Lexis-Nexis*
VA	Enacted 3/98	Requires driver education programs to include instruction related to aggressive driving. Title: **HB 896 - Driver Education** Source: *Lexis-Nexis*
VA	Enacted 3/98	Requires instruction in history and principles of U.S. and commonwealth flags to include appropriate etiquette and conventions for respecting the dignity and appropriate display of such flags. Title: **SB 174 - Flag Instruction** Source: *Lexis-Nexis*
VA	Vetoed 4/98	Requires local school boards to implement the Standards of Learning for the Family Life Education Program promulgated by the Board of Education or a family life education program consistent with board guidelines; amends standards of accreditation to require individual schools to implement such program; restoring regulations amended in fall 1997. Title: **HB 478 - Standards of Learning for Family Life** Source: *Lexis-Nexis*
VA	Enacted 4/98	Establishes Commonwealth Character Initiative, a unit to provide resources and technical assistance to school divisions regarding successful character education programs and practices designed to promote development of personal qualities as set forth in Standards of Quality and that will improve family and community involvement in public schools. Title: **HB 1344 - Commonwealth Character Initiative** Source: *Lexis-Nexis*
VA	Vetoed 4/98	Revises criteria for Standards for Accreditation which are set forth in Standard 3 of the Standards of Quality and the statute setting out the requirements for the family life education program to require local school divisions to develop and implement family life education programs which include age-appropriate and accurate instruction. Title: **SB 206 - Family Life Education** Source: *Lexis-Nexis*

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VA	Enacted 5/98	Allows school boards to employ reading specialists for each elementary school; provides that funding for such programs will be apportioned as given in the appropriations act Title: **HB 426 - Reading Specialists** Source: *Lexis-Nexis*
VT	Enacted 6/97	Requires State Board of Education, in collaboration with Agency of Human Services, to develop plan for early education services to ensure all children read by end of 3rd grade; directs public schools to offer early reading instruction and intervention when necessary Title: **HB 527 - Literacy** Source: *Vermont Legislative Council*
WA	Enacted 4/98	Enhances student achievement accountability; provides that as of December 15, 1998, each school district board of directors will select reading standard results on either the 1997 or 1998 Washington assessment of student learning as district's initial baseline reading standard; establishes three-year, districtwide goal to increase percentage of students who meet or exceed reading standard on 4th-grade assessment Title: **HB 2849 - Accountability** Source: *Lexis-Nexis*
WA	Vetoed 4/98	Declares intent to establish grant program to provide training in successful reading instruction methods to certificated employees who provide direct reading instructional services to students in grades 1 and 2; provides that grant program shall provide additional training to certificated reading instructional staff so they will possess the knowledge and skills to effectively teach students to read Title: **SB 6509 - Reading Instruction** Source: *Lexis-Nexis*
WA	Died 5/98	Relates to reading improvement; creates new section; provides expiration dates and declares emergency Title: **HB 2418 & HB 2419 - Reading Improvement** Source: *Lexis-Nexis*
WI	Died 4/98	Relates to requiring instruction in public schools on the history of organized labor Title: **SB 182 - History Instruction** Source: *Lexis-Nexis*
WI	Enacted 6/98	Relates to requirements for driver education courses Title: **SB 462 - Driver Education** Source: *Lexis-Nexis*
WV	Enacted 3/98	Makes supplemental appropriations to Division of Health abstinence education program Title: **HB 4714 - Abstinence Education Program** Source: *Lexis-Nexis*

DEREGULATION/WAIVERS		
STATE	**STATUS**	**SUMMARY**
ME	Enacted 4/98	Extends existing waivers of certain requirements of student-teacher ratios, student personnel services, guidance and counseling, implementation of plans for gifted and talented students Title: **HB 1665 - Waiver Extensions** Source: *Lexis-Nexis*

STATE	STATUS	SUMMARY
OK	Died 1/98	Creates and states purposes of Oklahoma Quality Schools Act; revitalizes schools through use of current deregulation opportunities for innovative programs, school sites and school districts; provides for site-based decisionmaking; initiates reforms; encourages parental and community involvement. Title: **HB 2660 - Deregulation Opportunities for Innovative Programs** Source: *Lexis-Nexis*
WA	Died 5/98	Identifies which laws and rules are being requested for waiver and the rationale for the request; specifies that rationale must identify how granting waivers will improve student learning or the delivery of education services in the school. Title: **HB 2332 - Granting Waivers** Source: *Lexis-Nexis*
DISCIPLINE		
STATE	**STATUS**	**SUMMARY**
CO	Enacted 4/98	Amends and clarifies law requiring school districts to serve expelled students by allowing local board to determine credits student will receive for education services provided during expulsion; requires boards to determine circumstances and manner in which disciplinary actions will be imposed; allows grant money to be used for services for expelled students and students at risk of expulsion; continues mandatory expulsion of "habitually disruptive" students. Title: **SB 1 - Expelled Students** Source: *Colorado Association of School Boards*
CO	Enacted 4/98	Clarifies that expulsion is not mandatory if, when student discovers that he or she is in possession of a dangerous weapon, he notifies a teacher, administrator or other authorized person as soon as possible and delivers the dangerous weapon to the adult. Title: **HB 1371 - Expulsion Related to Dangerous Weapons** Source: *Bill Board Legislative Newsletter*
CO	Enacted 5/98	Establishes alternative online education program for student expelled from a public school or student who demonstrates circumstances that indicate his or her probable success in the online program; authorizes the school district to count any student who is participating in the online program as an enrolled student for school finance purposes. Title: **HB 1227 - Online Educational Program** Source: *Colorado Association of School Boards*
CT	Enacted 4/98	Specifies factors to be considered by board of education and school administrators in the area of student suspensions and expulsions; includes proximity of incident to school, involvement of other students or gang members, alcohol use, violence or use of weapon. Title: **SB 355 - Suspensions and Expulsions** Source: *Lexis-Nexis*
DE	Enacted 7/97	Provides local school superintendents authority to issue subpoenas to compel parents, custodians or guardians of students to attend school-parent conferences; restructures the present school crime reporting statute; includes violent felonies and some sex crimes to the list of crimes which must be reported; makes superintendent or a designee the person responsible for filing criminal charges when a school employee is the victim. Title: **HB 322 - Compelling Parent Attendance at Conferences** Source: *Lexis-Nexis*
DE	Proposed 7/97	Allows for termination of a choice student's enrollment on the grounds of certain disruptive behavior with the approval of both the district of residence and the receiving district; adds two new situations to the menu of reasons for which student may be released early from two-year commitment to remain in the choice district; allows district of residence, receiving district and new district of enrollment to agree to a pro-ratio of student funding. Title: **HB 330 - Termination of Enrollment** Source: *Lexis-Nexis*

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FL	Enacted 5/98	Redefines term "mutual aid agreement" to include certain agreements between one or more law enforcement agencies and a school board that employs or appoints university police officers; provides for state university to enter and lend assistance in such agreements. Title: **HB 4219 - Law Enforcement and School Board Mutual Aid** Source: *Lexis-Nexis*
GA	Enacted 5/98	Creates a Senate Study Committee on Public Education Disciplinary Reform to examine discipline issues and procedures in public schools and requires committee to report its findings and recommendations on or before December 31, 1998. Title: **SB 632 - Public Education Disciplinary Reform** Source: *Prof. Assn. of Georgia Educators*
GA	Enacted 97	Authorizes local board of education to refuse to readmit or enroll any student suspended or expelled for being convicted of, adjudicated to have committed, indicted for or having information filed for the commission of any felony or delinquent act which would be a felony if committed by an adult. If refused readmission or enrollment, student or student's parent or legal guardian has right to request hearing; states it is preferable to reassign disruptive students to isolated and individually oriented in-school suspension programs or alternative education settings rather than to suspend or expel such students from school. Title: **20-2-768 - Expulsion or Suspension of Students for Felonies** Source: *Official Code of Georgia - 1997 Supplement*
GA	Enacted 97	Notes that no educator will be liable for civil damages for or arising out of any act or omission concerning, relating to or resulting from discipline of any student or the reporting of any student for misconduct, except for acts or omissions of willful or wanton misconduct. Title: **20-2-1000 - Release of Liability for Student Discipline** Source: *Official Code of Georgia - 1997 Supplement*
ID	Enacted 3/98	Provides that enrollment may be denied to student for certain acts committed in any state; requires that, if requested, parent or guardian of a student transferring from another state must furnish copies of student records, including those containing information concerning violent or disruptive behavior or disciplinary action involving the student. Title: **HB 710 - Transfer Student Records** Source: *Lexis-Nexis*
IL	Died 10/97	Amends School Code to provide that for an offense (other than certain offenses concerning weapons or drugs on school grounds or battering a school staff member) for which student is suspended or expelled, student may transfer to another school district and attend classes before expiration of the suspension or expulsion period only if district policies allow it. Title: **HB 2311 - Suspended Student Transfers** Source: *Lexis-Nexis*
IL	Enacted 7/98	Requires all public school teachers to teach pupils discipline and respect for others. Title: **HB 3793 - Discipline Education** Source: *Lexis-Nexis*
IN	Enacted 3/98	Provides that a student who is expelled from, who withdraws from a public school in Indiana in order to avoid expulsion or who is similarly separated from a nonpublic school or school in another state may not enroll in an Indiana school corporation during or for one year after the period of the actual or proposed expulsion or separation; provides exceptions. Title: **HB 1268 - Reenrollment of Withdrawn or Expelled Students** Author: *Lexis-Nexis*
ME	Enacted 4/98	Requires school boards to develop and adopt districtwide school disciplinary policy that addresses rules of conduct for students, consequences for conduct violations and the grounds and procedures for removing a student from a class or activity period; also relates to mediation of disputes and providing of an annual review. Title: **HB 1520 - Disciplinary Policy** Source: *Lexis-Nexis*

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MI	Proposed 12/97	Requires expulsion of any student who assaults a teacher, other school employee or volunteer at school. Title: **HB 5424 - Expulsion** Source: *Lexis-Nexis*
MO	Enacted 6/98	Allows parents of a child receiving special education services to challenge placements resulting from disciplinary procedures; relates to placement of dangerous or violent students and nonresident children; requires Department of Health to notify Division of Elementary and Secondary Education and local school district of additions or expansions of foster homes or residential care facilities. Title: **HB 1683 - Disciplinary Placement** Source: *Lexis-Nexis*
MS	Died 5/98	Includes expelled students in the computation of a school district's average daily attendance. Title: **HB 276 - Expelled Students and Attendance Computation** Source: *Lexis-Nexis*
MS	Died 5/98	Requires boards of all school districts to prescribe a mandatory student uniform; authorizes school districts to charge fees not exceeding the actual cost for student uniforms; requires school districts to include an explanation of students' responsibilities regarding uniforms in the code of student conduct. Title: **HB 129 - Mandatory Uniforms** Source: *Lexis-Nexis*
MS	Died 5/98	Provides additional punishment for students who commit crimes at school. Title: **HB 264 - Punishing Crimes at School** Source: *Lexis-Nexis*
NH	Died 98	Authorizes teachers to remove from the classroom dangerous, disruptive or uncooperative pupils, or those who are habitually absent without excuse; establishes a pupil disciplinary committee within each school. Title: **HB 1357 - Discipline** Source: *Lexis-Nexis*
NJ	Died 98	Permits students with disabilities to be removed from school no more than 45 days for certain activities involving weapons or drugs. Title: **AB 3260 - Disabled Students and Weapons** Source: *Lexis-Nexis*
NV	Enacted 7/97	Requires courts to provide school districts information regarding pupils who have unlawfully caused or attempted to cause serious bodily injury to another person. Title: **AB 518 - Mandatory Disclosure of Students Causing Bodily Injury** Source: *Lexis-Nexis*
NV	Died 98	Urges the board of trustees of each county school district to develop and adopt standards for disciplining pupils who are enrolled in the public schools. Title: **ACR 45 - Disciplinary Standards** Source: *Lexis-Nexis*
NY	Proposed 7/97	Increases authority of teachers and principals to remove violent and disruptive students from the classroom; enacts provisions defining what acts would classify a student as disruptive; requires a uniform violent incident reporting system; increases penalties for certain crimes of violence committed on or near school grounds. Title: **SB 5739 - Violent and Disruptive Students** Source: *Lexis-Nexis*

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OK	Died 98	Relates to schools and freedom of expression; authorizes school boards to establish certain dress codes and include them in school discipline policies Title: **HB 2206 - School Discipline** Source: *Lexis-Nexis*
OK	Enacted 7/97	Requires school district boards to adopt policy and procedures which provide for out-of-school suspension of students; prohibits out-of-school suspension from extending beyond current and succeeding semester, except for firearms possession on school property; provides that no public school in the state will be required to provide education services in the regular school setting to any student who has been adjudicated delinquent for certain offenses; requires school districts to provide education plan for students suspended out of school for more than five days, with such plan designed to eventually reintegrate the student into school; specifies plan will provide only core units in which student is enrolled and address academic credit for work satisfactorily completed; provides that, upon out-of-school suspension, parent or guardian will be responsible for monitoring student's education progress until student is readmitted to school; prohibits student suspended for violent offense against classroom teacher from returning to teacher's classroom without approval of that teacher; allows school district to inspect a student's confidential record without court order if child is enrolled at that school; allows school district to disclose education records to a court to determine the court's ability to serve a child; allows suspension for possession of wireless telecommunications devices Title: **HB 2130 - Out-Of-School Suspension** Source: *Oklahoma State School Boards Association*
OK	Enacted 4/98	Relates to out-of-school student suspensions; modifies appeals process for short-term and long-term student suspension Title: **HB 2335 - Out-Of-School Suspension** Source: *Lexis-Nexis*
PA	Proposed 6/97	Further prohibits possession of weapons; provides for assignment of education programs during expulsion periods Title: **HB 1680 - Weapons Possession** Source: *Lexis-Nexis*
SC	Enacted 7/98	Relates to threatening the life, person or family of a public official, teacher or principal; makes it unlawful to threaten the life, person or family of any public employee; revises the penalties for violation; relates to probation, parole and records; and school crimes involving drugs or weapons; defines weapon Title: **HB 4804 - Threats to School Personnel and Public Officials** Source: *Lexis-Nexis*
TN	Enacted 5/98	Requires penalties for violating zero-tolerance policy to be imposed on case-by-case basis, takes into consideration specific infraction and intent of student in violating policy Title: **SB 2324 - Penalties for Violating Zero-Tolerance Policy** Source: *Lexis-Nexis*
TN	Enacted 4/98	Allows local education agency to deny enrollment to student suspended or expelled from another agency in this or another state Title: **SB 2715 - Denying Enrollment** Source: *Lexis-Nexis*
VA	Enacted 4/98	Directs school board to expel from school any student whom board has determined, in accordance with existing due process requirements, to have brought drugs onto school property or to a school-sponsored activity Title: **HB 1343 - Expulsion** Source: *Lexis-Nexis*

STATE	STATUS	SUMMARY
VA	Proposed 1/98	Prohibits K-3 student from being suspended, excluded or expelled from school for more than 10 days; requires that suspended, excluded or expelled students attend in-school suspension program with instruction appropriate to student's age and education needs. Title: **SB 666 - In-School Suspension Program** Source: *Lexis-Nexis*
VA	Enacted 4/98	Allows students for whom a report has been received of an adjudication of delinquency or a conviction to be suspended or expelled from school attendance; requires, under current law, court clerks to notify relevant school division superintendent when a juvenile is convicted or adjudicated delinquent of certain violent or serious crimes such as arson, homicide or felonious assault. Title: **SB 362 - Student Expulsion** Source: *Lexis-Nexis*
VA	Enacted 4/98	Modifies hearing procedures afforded students suspended for more than 10 days by allowing three-member committee of local school board to confirm such long-term suspensions by unanimous decision. Title: **HB 893 - Suspension Hearing Procedures** Source: *Lexis-Nexis*
WI	Enacted 7/98	Relates to removal of disruptive students from the classroom and granting rulemaking authority; relates to school boards, teachers and administrators; provides for a study by the Joint Legislative Council. Title: **SB 274 - Removal of Disruptive Students** Source: *Lexis-Nexis*
WI	Died 4/98	Relates to the expulsion of pupils from school and creating a council on pupil discipline in the Department of Public Instruction. Title: **AB 413 - Creation of Pupil Discipline Council** Source: *Lexis-Nexis*
WI	Enacted 7/98	Relates to authorizing the search of a pupil's locker. Title: **AB 715 - Locker Search** Source: *Lexis-Nexis*
WY	Enacted 3/98	Amends grounds and procedures for suspension and expulsion of students who destroy or deface school property. Title: **HB 50 - Destruction or Defacing School Property** Source: *Lexis-Nexis*
WY	Enacted 3/98	Amends authority to modify term of student expulsion in specific circumstances. Title: **HB 109 - Suspension and Expulsion** Source: *Lexis-Nexis*

EARLY CHILDHOOD EDUCATION

STATE	STATUS	SUMMARY
AL	Enacted 5/98	Provides $1.18 million from Education Trust Fund to East Alabama Child Development Center for support and maintenance of child-care program, educational health and nutritional services for preschool children. Title: **HB 269 - Preschool Child Care** Author: *Lexis-Nexis*
AL	Enacted 5/98	Provides appropriation to the Montgomery Institute for Neurological Development for program to screen children for learning disabilities and to provide services to learning-disabled and severely brain-injured children. Title: **HB 345 - Services for Learning-Disabled Children** Author: *Lexis-Nexis*

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AZ	Enacted 6/98	Relates to health and literacy of children, expands the healthy families, family literacy and health start pilot programs into full state programs Title: **SB 1065 - Child Literacy and Health** Author: *Lexis-Nexis*
FL	Died 98	Establishes early education and child-care program and provides for optional participation and eligibility, provides performance standards and outcome measures, provides for district interagency coordinating councils, requires plan development and provides program requirements, provides for funding, vouchers or contracts and electronic funds transfer Title: **SB 182 - Early Childhood Education** Source: *Lexis-Nexis*
FL	Enacted 5/98	Provides state-funded education and care programs for infants and toddlers to foster brain development, requires evaluation and report Title: **SB 660 - Fostering Brain Development** Source: *Lexis-Nexis*
HI	Proposed 1/98	Appropriates $70 million in addition to existing level of funding for early education and child care to expand the "Open Doors" project Title: **SB 2743 - Open Doors Projectn** Source: *Lexis-Nexis*
HI	Enacted 4/98	Enables funds to be expended from the Early Intervention Special Fund and the Early Intervention Trust Fund through the procurement process rather than the grant process Title: **HB 2845 - Funding Early Intervention** Source: *Lexis-Nexis*
IA	Enacted 5/98	Establishes school-ready children grant program to be administered by community empowerment area boards and the Iowa Empowerment Board, provides for children's health, at-risk programs for preschool children and substance abuse assessment and referral Title: **SB 2406 - Child Health, At-risk and Substance Abuse Programs** Source: *Lexis-Nexis*
MA	Enacted 12/97	Relates to early intervention services to infants and toddlers Title: **SB 1956 & HB 5195 - Early Intervention Services** Source: *Lexis-Nexis*
ME	Enacted 4/98	Implements recommendations of Task Force to Study Strategies to Support Parents and Children's First Teachers, directs Commissioners of Corrections, Education, Human Services, Mental Health, Mental Retardation and Substance Abuse Services to develop a fiscal plan for expansion of state-funded child and family support services and related programs, develop core curriculum and training program for parents and caregivers and meet needs for family support programs Title: **HB 1632 - Family Support Programs** Source: *Lexis-Nexis*
MI	Proposed 7/97	Deregulates child day-care centers operated or contracted by a public school Title: **HB 5023 - Deregulating Public School Child Care** Source: *Lexis-Nexis*
MN	Enacted 4/98	Appropriates money for various early family and childhood education, housing and economic development programs, lead hazard reduction, Head Start and early childhood family education programs and other departments Title: **SB 2 - Early Family and Childhood Programs** Source: *Lexis-Nexis*

STATE	STATUS	SUMMARY
MO	Enacted 6/98	Defines missions and goals of Early Head Start Program; requires each program to have council or committee to provide policy direction; requires health-service advisory committee for each operating Head Start program; allows the state to provide financial assistance to Head Start programs. Title: **HB 1274 - Early Head Start Programs** Source: *Lexis-Nexis*
MS	Died 5/98	Directs State Board of Education to implement prekindergarten pilot program in public school districts; makes pilot program available to 25% of state school districts; provides funding from Education Enhancement Fund appropriations. Title: **SB 2117 - Prekindergarten Pilot Program** Source: *Lexis-Nexis*
NH	Enacted 5/98	Establishes study committee to examine implications of implementing occupational regulation of child-care and preschool directors, teachers, teacher assistants, child-care workers and other staff providing direct services to young children in early childhood programs. Title: **HB 1438 - Regulating Child Care** Source: *Lexis-Nexis*
OK	Died 98	Allows for half-day and full-day early childhood education programs; provides for state aid. Title: **HB 2784 - Early Childhood Education Program** Source: *Lexis-Nexis*
VA	Died 6/98	Expands 4-year-old at-risk preschool programs to cover all eligible students in all schools; revises the statewide voluntary pupil-teacher ratio and class-size reduction programs for grades K-3 in schools with high concentrations of at-risk pupils to bring schools with at least 50% free lunch participation down from the current 18:1 pupil-teacher ratio to a 15:1 ratio; reduces individual class sizes from 22 to 20 in these schools. Title: **HB 434 & SB 167 - Class-Size Reduction Program** Source: *Lexis-Nexis*
VA	Enacted 3/98	Revises at-risk 4-year-old program to allow school divisions with existing programs to apply for state grant funds to support half-day programs conducted for length of school year; adjusts prohibition on supplanting any funds provided for preschool programs within the locality to apply only to local funds. Title: **HB 471 - Preschool Programs** Source: *Lexis-Nexis*
VA	Enacted 4/98	Prohibits State Board of Social Services or Child Day Care Council from requiring adoption of specific teaching approach or doctrine for licensed child-care institutions, child day-care centers or systems, child-placing agencies and family day-care homes. Title: **HB 927 - Child Care** Source: *Lexis-Nexis*
VA	Enacted 4/98	Clarifies the requirements of the infant hearing impairment identification system; emphasizes that newborns are to be tested; requires current screening technology of all infants who fail the initial hearing test and any follow-up test; authorizes reporting of information on specific children to the relevant local school division. Title: **HB 916 - Infant Hearing Test** Source: *Lexis-Nexis*

ELEMENTARY EDUCATION		
STATE	**STATUS**	**SUMMARY**
CT	Died 2/98	Concerns a comprehensive program to improve education in the early grades. Title: **SB 121 - Elementary Education** Source: *Lexis-Nexis*

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KY	Enacted 4/98	Defines a primary program and describes critical attributes for it; requires that each school council or school, when no council exists, determine the organization of its ungraded primary program, including the extent to which multi-age groups are necessary based on critical attributes; requires each local school district collect data by school on number of primary students who take five years to complete program Title: **HB 484 - Primary Programs** Source: *Lexis-Nexis*

ENROLLMENT

STATE	STATUS	SUMMARY
SD	Enacted 2/98	Revises certain provisions relating to contracting school districts that do not operate a K-12 school Title: **SB 149 - Districts Lacking K-12 School** Source: *Lexis-Nexis*

EQUITY

STATE	STATUS	SUMMARY
KY	Enacted 3/98	Designates Council on Postsecondary Education as state agency with responsibility and authority to direct and annually report on equal opportunities in postsecondary education; requires council to establish Committee on Equal Opportunities in Postsecondary Education to advise council on strategies for achieving equal opportunity and institutional performance objectives contained in "The 1997-2002 Kentucky Plan for Equal Opportunities." Title: **HB 451 - Postsecondary Education Equal Opportunities** Source: *Lexis-Nexis*
OH	Proposed 11/97	Proposes to enact Section 21 of Article 1 of the state constitution to prohibit discrimination by the state or a political subdivision on basis of race, sex, color, ethnicity or national origin of a person; prohibits preferential treatment by political subdivision, agency, school district or institution of higher education Title: **HJR 21 - Discrimination** Source: *Lexis-Nexis*
TN	Enacted 4/98	Requires each entity of state government, subject to requirements of Title IX of the Education Amendments Act of 1972, and promulgated regulations, to develop a Title IX implementation plan; requires comptroller of treasury to make study Title: **HB 2292 - Implementing Title IX** Source: *Lexis-Nexis*

EXTENDED DAY

STATE	STATUS	SUMMARY
GA	Enacted 4/98	Changes eligibility for, and method of calculating amount, of state grants for joint academic after-school programs for at-risk students; includes students also enrolled in regular school; limits total year amount of grant; bases calculation on remedial education costs Title: **SB 404 - State Grants for After-School Programs** Source: *Lexis-Nexis*
MS	Died 5/98	Authorizes local school boards to use school facilities to provide child-care services for prekindergarten-age children and before- or after-school child-care services, or both, for school-age children Title: **HB 343 & HB 385 - Child Care** Source: *Lexis-Nexis*

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MS	Enacted 3/98	Directs Level I and Level II school districts to provide extended-day and extended-year programs as required by the State Board of Education as part of the district's corrective action plan; prescribes components and procedures to be followed by level I and level II school districts and the State Department of Education in developing and implementing a corrective action plan for the district. Title: **SB 2944 - Extended Day and Year Programs** Source: *Lexis-Nexis*
NV	Died 7/97	Makes appropriations to Clark County School District to establish and operate various education programs; provides for extending student instruction beyond the regularly scheduled school day and for parent participation to support and extend the tutorial effort; designates participation of no fewer than 25 schools, of which not less than two-thirds have been identified as enrolling the largest number of pupils at risk of academic failure. Title: **AB 651 - Extended Day Programs** Source: *Lexis-Nexis*
TN	Enacted 5/98	Allows local education agencies to charge tuition for all programs outside the minimum 180 instructional days, unless state funds cost of such instruction. Title: **HB 2626 - Tuition for Extended Year Programs** Author: *Lexis-Nexis*

FINANCE		
STATE	**STATUS**	**SUMMARY**
AL	Died 98	Provides Education Revision Act of 1997 and establishes the Alabama K-12 Education Funding Study Council and the Alabama K-12 Education Facilities Study Committee. Title: **SB 609 - Education Revision Act of 1997** Source: *Lexis-Nexis*
AL	Enacted 4/98	Appropriates $550 million for education bond to eliminate portable and substandard classrooms; school systems to remove portables within two years of receiving funds. Most funds will be distributed on per-pupil basis for capital improvements and some for school bus renewal. Higher education will receive $100 million. Title: **SB 409 - Alabama Safe Schools Bond Issue** Source: *Lexis-Nexis*
AL	Enacted 5/98	Authorizes governmental units to enter into guaranteed energy cost-savings contracts; provides for bid proposal procedures; establishes standards and procedures for awarding such contracts; reiterates present law requiring that education support personnel work under the direct supervision, employment and control of local boards of education. Title: **HB 148 - Energy Cost-Savings** Source: *Lexis-Nexis*
AL	Enacted 5/98	Authorizes county commissions to levy additional ad valorem tax of 10 mills on each dollar of taxable property for capital improvements for public education; provides that tax increase is subject to approval of a majority of the qualified electors voting on the proposal. Title: **HB 664 - Capital Improvement Tax** Source: *Lexis-Nexis*
AZ	Enacted 6/98	Revises prohibition on school district construction fees. Title: **SB 1114 - School District Construction Fees** Source: *Lexis-Nexis*
CA	Died 98	Prohibits school districts from spending more than 5% of funds from all sources for general administration, instructional resources supervision and supervision of instruction, beginning fiscal year 1999-2000; requires State Board of Education to fine districts failing to comply. Title: **V 7 - Administrative Costs Limitations** Source: *Lexis-Nexis*

STATE	STATUS	SUMMARY
CO	Died 98	Designates state's "excess revenues" as source for loan program to school districts undertaking capital construction projects. HB 1190 allows school districts to request funding for emergency capital construction projects on facilities certified as structurally unsafe. HB 1174 makes school districts with per-pupil assessed valuation below the statewide average eligible for monies from the state's capital construction fund. Title: **SB 91, HB 1190 & HB 1174 - Capital Construction** Source: *Colorado Association of School Boards*
CO	Enacted 5/98	Concerns assistance program for school district capital construction. Title: **HB 1231 - Capital Construction Assistance** Source: *Lexis-Nexis*
CT	Died 98	Concerns an increase in the state share of local public education expenditures; reduces the reliance on the property tax to finance public education. Title: **HB 5129, HB 5133, HB 5144 & HB 5152 - Financing Public Education** Source: *Lexis-Nexis*
DE	Died 97	Creates a tax credit for persons over age 65 or the widowed spouses of such persons; requires the school district, by way of the county, to inform the taxpayer annually concerning the amount of the difference which may be taken as a credit. Title: **HB 339 - Tax Credit for Elderly** Source: *Lexis-Nexis*
DE	Enacted 7/98	Permits school districts to lease land it owns to individuals for agricultural purposes to generate rental on land that may be needed for a future school purpose without developing the land. Title: **SB 294 - Land Leases** Source: *Lexis-Nexis*
DE	Enacted 7/98	Establishes Education Finance Reform Committee to conduct comprehensive examination of Delaware's system of school finance and governance and to make recommendations for changes that increase state contribution and provide property tax relief. Title: **HJR 28 - Education Finance Reform** Source: *Lexis-Nexis*
FL	Enacted 97	Funds School Infrastructure Thrift (SIT) program; allows commissioner of education to award participating districts up to 20% of the cost of an education facility that adheres to the program's frugal construction requirements. Title: **School Infrastructure Thrift Facilities Funding** Source: *Legislative Analyst, Senate Education Committee*
FL	Died 98	Requires representatives of each district school to meet annually with the board of county commissioners and municipal governing bodies to plan for education facilities; provides for notice. Title: **HB 3283 - Educational Facilities Planning** Source: *Lexis-Nexis*
FL	Died 97	Amends provisions regarding funds for operation of school districts to allocate at least 80% of specified funds to schools generating funds. Title: **SB 174 - Fund Allocation** Source: *Lexis-Nexis*
FL	Enacted 11/97	Creates SMART Schools Act which requires school districts to prepare five-year facilities work programs before adopting annual capital outlay budgets; provides for effort index grants for school district facilities' work program projects; revises measures that qualify as energy conservation; establishes SMART School Small County Assistance Program for fiscal year 1998-99; requires standards for relocatables and provides guidelines. Title: **HB 17 - Smart Schools Act** Source: *Lexis-Nexis*

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FL	Enacted 11/97	Allows capital improvement fees to be bonded and specifies conditions, permits new construction of education facilities as use for fee revenues, authorizes community college district boards of trustees to borrow funds and incur debt for new construction of education facilities. Note: Became Law without Governor's signature. Title: **SB 20 - Funding Capital Improvement** Source: *Lexis-Nexis*
FL	Enacted 5/98	Authorizes community colleges to bond capital improvement fees, financing or refinancing equipment, renovation or remodeling of education facilities, limits terms, provides additional allowable uses; authorizes community college boards of trustees to issue revenue bonds for equipment, renovation or remodeling of education facilities. Title: **HB 3799 - Funding Community College Capital Improvements** Source: *Lexis-Nexis*
FL	Enacted 5/98	Authorizes boards to rent or lease certain buildings or space within buildings for conversion to education facilities; provides for funding, requires school board adoption of resolution certifying that specified conditions have been met, amends provision regarding school district tax for capital outlay. Title: **HB 3599 - Leasing Authorization** Source: *Lexis-Nexis*
GA	Enacted 4/98	Creates Blue Ribbon Study Committee on Funding of the Quality Basic Education Act. Title: **SR 467 - Quality Basic Education Act Funding Committee** Source: *Lexis-Nexis*
GA	Enacted 4/98	Proposes constitutional amendment to specify education purposes and programs for which lottery proceeds may be appropriated and expended. Title: **SR 529 - Education Appropriation** Source: *Lexis-Nexis*
GA	Enacted 4/98	Relates to sales tax for education purposes; provides for the enactment of a distribution formula by local act. Title: **HB 1520 - Sales Tax** Source: *Lexis-Nexis*
IA	Enacted 4/98	Authorizes imposition of local option sales and service tax and use of certain federal funds for school infrastructure projects and issuance of bonds; provides for State Department of Education to adopt rules to comply with requirements of federal rules or regulations; requires county election to decide on imposition of a local sales and service tax. Title: **HB 2282 - School Infrastructure Tax and Bonds** Source: *Lexis-Nexis*
ID	Enacted 3/98	Relates to property tax replacement in school funding; strikes reference to sales tax receipts; provides that appropriations shall be made for property tax replacement; strikes distribution of sales tax receipts for property tax relief. Title: **SB 1535 - Property Tax/Sales Tax** Source: *Lexis-Nexis*
IL	Proposed 10/97	Amends the Capital Development Board Act to provide for school construction programs to be made to school districts from funds appropriated from the School Improvement Bond fund on a one-half to one-fifth matching grant basis, by region, over at least a 10-year period; amends the General Obligation Bond Act to increase the state's bonding authority by $3 billion for school construction grants; creates the School Improvement Bond Fund. Title: **HB 2303 - School Improvement Bond Fund** Source: *Lexis-Nexis*

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IL	Proposed 10/97	Adjusts the equalized assessed value (EAV) used to compute general state aid for school districts subject to the Property Tax Extension Limitation Act, provides that the district's EAV for state aid purposes shall be its EAV for the year prior to the first year in which the Property Tax Limitation Law is implemented in the district, increased for each year thereafter by the lesser of 5% or the percentage increase in the Consumer Price Index Title **HB 2304 - Funding Formula** Source *Lexis-Nexis*
IN	Died 98	Requires the Department of Education to fully reimburse school corporations and accredited nonpublic schools for costs of furnishing free school textbooks, supplies and other required class fees to students meeting financial eligibility standards, appropriates from the state general fund a sufficient amount to fully fund the reimbursement program Title **SB 17 - Reimbursement for Free School Supplies** Source *Lexis-Nexis*
KY	Enacted 4/98	Establishes trust and revolving account consisting of 1% of excise and wholesale taxes imposed on malt beverages, requires that monies be paid on matching basis to Malt Beverage Educational Fund to combat underage drinking and that monies from the fund go solely to education materials and programs and that expenditures be approved by majority of the executive- and legislative-branch members on the Corporations Board Title **SB 207 - Alcohol Education Tax** Source *Lexis-Nexis*
LA	Died 98	Provides for legislative approval of the minimum foundation program formula adopted by the Board of Elementary Education on June 13, 1997 Title **HCR 245 - Minimum Foundation Program Formula** Source *Lexis-Nexis*
LA	Enacted 5/98	Relates to support for schools through taxable slot machine proceeds Title **SB 162 - Education Funding From Slot Machines** Source *Lexis-Nexis*
MD	Enacted 5/98	Authorizes Maryland Health Educational Facilities Authority to make its financing programs available to, and issue bonds for, capital projects of nonprofit elementary and secondary schools that have received a certificate of approval from the State Board of Education Title **HB 541 - Financing of Capital Projects** Source *Lexis-Nexis*
ME	Enacted 6/97	Directs the State Board of Education to study the school funding formula Title **HB 1344 - School Funding Formula Study** Source *Lexis-Nexis*
ME	Enacted 4/98	Provides a homestead exemption of funds applied to the portion of the property tax assessment attributable to education costs, requires the state to fund 51% of the costs of essential education services as defined by the legislature Title **HB 1457 - Homestead Exemption for Property Tax** Source *Lexis-Nexis*
ME	Enacted 4/98	Provides for the implementation of recommendations from the Governor's Commission on School Facilities which establishes a debt service factor to help cover the cost of school construction or renovation, establishes the School Facilities Finance Program within the Maine Municipal Bond Bank to provide capital financing for construction and the leasing and purchase of needed equipment and school facilities Title **HB 1622 - School Construction in Funding Formula** Source *Lexis-Nexis*
MI	Proposed 6/97	Increases the earmarking of income tax revenue to the School Aid Fund Title **SB 639 - School Aid Fund** Source *Lexis-Nexis*

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MI	Enacted 7/98	Excepts casinos from renaissance zone status in the Commercial Redevelopment Act; relates to the commercial facilities tax; to property taxes and school taxes. Title: **SB 590 - Property Taxes** Source: *Lexis-Nexis*
MO	Enacted 7/98	Changes school building revolving fund; redirects proceeds of forfeitures distributed for education to the fund; narrows the use of revolving fund monies from loans and grants to lease-purchase only; requires a lease-purchase to be paid within 10 years; requires unobligated funds to be returned; prohibits interest charged in district from exceeding 3%. Title: **HB 1265 - School Funding** Source: *Lexis-Nexis*
MS	Died 5/98	Includes percentage of certain local tax revenues generated by gaming in definition of "other local revenue sources" used to compute grants under the minimum education program. Title: **HB 230 - Gaming Revenues for Education Grants** Source: *Lexis-Nexis*
NE	Enacted 4/98	Relates to revenue and taxation; changes budget limitation provisions for political subdivisions and school districts. Title: **LB 989 - Revenues and Taxation** Source: *Lexis-Nexis*
NE	Enacted 4/98	Relates to Tax Equity and Educational Opportunities Support Act; changes provision relating to school district reorganization incentives. Title: **LB 1134 - School District Reorganization Incentives** Source: *Lexis-Nexis*
NE	Enacted 4/98	Provides for funding of core services; states intent; harmonizes provisions; repeals original sections; appropriates funds. Note: Governor's veto overridden by legislature. Title: **LB 1110 - Educational Service Units** Source: *Lexis-Nexis*
NH	Died 98	Adopts use of income data as determined by commissioner of revenue administration in calculating foundation aid to schools. Title: **HB 1349 - Calculating School Aid** Source: *Lexis-Nexis*
NH	Died 98	Repeals the held-harmless practice codified in the calculation and distribution of foundation aid in Augenblick Formula. Title: **HB 1442 - Funding Formula** Source: *Lexis-Nexis*
NJ	Died 98	Establishes grant and loan funds in the New Jersey Educational Facilities Authority to provide funds for public school construction and renovation. Title: **SB 2289 - Funding for Public School Construction** Source: *Lexis-Nexis*
NM	Enacted 3/98	Authorizes the issuance and sale of capital projects general obligation bonds to make capital expenditures for senior-citizen facility improvements and acquisitions, for public education capital improvements and acquisitions, and for public library acquisitions; provides for tax levy for payment of principal of, interest on and certain costs related to the bonds; requires approval of registered voters at state's 1998 general election. Title: **HB 10 - Funding for Public School Improvements** Source: *Lexis-Nexis*
NM	Enacted 2/98	Makes an appropriation from the general fund to the public school capital improvements fund; declares an emergency. Title: **HB 60 - Appropriations for Public School Capital Improvements** Source: *Lexis-Nexis*

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NM	Enacted 5/98	Authorizes the issuance of severance tax bonds for public school critical capital outlay projects; makes an appropriation and declares an emergency Title: **HB 29 - Funding for Critical Capital Projects** Source: *Lexis-Nexis*
NY	Died 97	Enacts the School Facility Health and Safety Bond Act; authorizes the creation of state debt to provide for projects related to construction, expansion and modernization of public school facilities in the amount of $2.4 billion Title: **V 4 - School Facilities** Source: *Lexis-Nexis*
NY	Proposed 9/97	Establishes a loan program for schools undertaking projects to improve or renovate Title: **HB 592 - Funding for School Renovations** Source: *Lexis-Nexis*
OH	Died 8/98	Proposes constitutional amendment to establish that General Assembly has exclusive responsibility to determine what constitutes a thorough-and-efficient system of common schools Title: **HJR 17 - Defining Thorough and Efficient Schools** Source: *Lexis-Nexis*
OH	Died 8/98	Requires 1% increase in state sales and use taxes to be dedicated to providing financial support for primary and secondary education; requires additional rollback in residential real property taxation; authorizes issuance of general obligation bonds to support primary and secondary education; authorizes local voter options to enhance real property tax revenues for local school districts; amends three different sections of the constitution Title: **HJR 16 - Education Tax** Source: *Lexis-Nexis*
OH	Died 8/98	Proposes to amend Section 2 of Article VI of the Ohio Constitution to establish that the General Assembly shall provide for the adequate-and-efficient education of its citizens Title: **HJR 18 & SJR 4 - Constitutional Amendment re Education** Source: *Lexis-Nexis*
OH	Died 8/98	Creates two bipartisan task forces to recommend legislation to improve education opportunities for Ohio students and to improve funding for improvements to school facilities Title: **HCR 32 & SCR 12 - Improved Educational Opportunities** Source: *Lexis-Nexis*
OH	Died 8/98	Allows boards of education to establish programs under which senior citizens can volunteer in public schools in exchange for real property tax relief Title: **SB 195 - Community Involvement in Public Schools and Property Tax Relief** Source: *Lexis-Nexis*
OH	Died 8/98	Phases in a new method of funding elementary and secondary education that bases school districts' state aid on their tax effort and capacity ratio Title: **HB 646 - Funding Education** Source: *Lexis-Nexis*
OH	Died 8/98	States that any primary and secondary school funding increases will not affect or reduce state higher education funding Title: **SCR 13 - Education Funding** Source: *Lexis-Nexis*
OH	Enacted 2/98	Levies additional 1% sales and use tax to provide school revenue and property tax relief; authorizes taxpayers to claim a refundable income tax credit for a portion of their residential property tax payments; makes an appropriation Title: **HB 697 - Sales Tax for Education** Source: *Lexis-Nexis*

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OK	Enacted 97	Provides $4.5 billion state budget, an increase of 9.6%, gives education largest share of new funding, 42.3% of the $395.3 million increase, increasing education budgets 7.3% to $2.5 billion. Title: **State Budget** Source: *Southern Regional Education Board Legislative Report*
SC	Proposed 6/97	Proposes state constitutional amendment (carried over to 1998 regular session) relating to the system of free public schools, provides that the General Assembly will provide for the manner in which funding of all public school districts must be equalized. Title: **HB 4287 - Free Public Schools in the State** Source: *Lexis-Nexis*
SC	Enacted 97	Provides $1.4 billion 1997-98 budget for elementary and secondary schools, up 5.1% from 1997, increases finance formula funding 5.5% to nearly $1.3 billion. Other funds to districts totaling $40.9 million (up 80.7%) includes $30.3 million for expansion of full-day kindergarten (up from $14.1 million). In addition, $1.5 million is available for kindergarten teachers from Education Improvement Act (EIA) funds, from an earmarked 1-cent sales tax. EIA funds will total $429.4 million, increasing spending 6.5% and including $21.9 million for 4-year-old early childhood programs (up 3.2%) and $105.4 million for basic skills academic assistance (5.8% more). About $800,000 will be used for Reading Recovery programs. Title: **1997- 98 Budget** Source: *Southern Regional Education Board Legislative Report*
SC	Enacted 6/98	Relates to exemptions from the state sales tax; clarifies the types of school materials that qualify for the exemption; deletes the requirement that festivals must be officially recognized as special events for concessions sold there to be exempt. Title: **HB 4801 - School Materials Tax Exemption** Source: *Lexis-Nexis*
SD	Enacted 2/98	Revises circumstances under which school district may charge for bus transportation. Title: **SB 29 - Transportation Fees** Source: *Lexis-Nexis*
SD	Enacted 3/98	Reduces tax levies for school districts' general funds in order to maintain relationship between state aid to general education and local effort; provides for 5% reduction in property taxes for certain types of property; provides reductions in taxes on residential and agricultural land. Title: **SB 233 - State and Local Education Funding** Source: *Lexis-Nexis*
SD	Enacted 3/98	Revises the calculation of state aid to education. Title: **SB 173 - State Aid Calculations** Source: *Lexis-Nexis*
SD	Enacted 3/98	Permits the issuance of economic development revenue bonds to finance primary, secondary and postsecondary schools operated by nonprofit entities. Title: **SB 183 - Funding Schools Operated by Nonprofit Agencies** Source: *Lexis-Nexis*
TN	Enacted 5/98	Adds language to recognize full funding of Basic Education Programs in 1997-98 fiscal year; deletes provisions of Tennessee Education Finance Act of 1977. Title: **HB 2988 - Funding of Basic Education Programs** Source: *Lexis-Nexis*
TX	Passed 8/97	Amends state constitution by increasing school property tax residence homestead tax exemption from $5,000 to $15,000; authorizes legislature to limit all or part of exemption to political subdivisions that are principal providers of elementary and secondary education within their boundaries. Title: **TX V. 1 (New Bill) - Increasing Homestead Tax Exemption** Source: *Lexis-Nexis*

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TX	Died 5/98	Authorizes legislature to limit increases in appraised value of residence homesteads for ad valorem taxation; permits school district to calculate school property tax freeze applicable to residence homestead of elderly person or surviving spouse in accordance with law authorizing transfer of school property tax freeze to a different homestead. Title: **V 3 - Homestead Taxation** Source: *Lexis-Nexis*
VA	Proposed 1/98	Grants localities the authority to impose impact fees on new residential development for school improvements attributable to such development. Title: **SB 693 - Impact Fees** Source: *Lexis-Nexis*
VA	Enacted 3/98	Concerns funding of capital school projects; provides that issuance of bonds by Public School Authority (VPSA) may be based on debt service payments payable from appropriations from General Assembly; provides that VSPA is not a political subdivision and thereby allows the board to act by telephone conference if necessary; concerns shortfall procedures in aid of local school districts; provides for subrogation of certain funds. Title: **SB 67 - Funding Capital School Projects** Source: *Lexis-Nexis*
VA	Enacted 3/98	Requires school boards to establish program for ongoing school maintenance needs; codifies maintenance supplement program which has operated for some years pursuant to provisions of appropriations act relating to the maintenance supplement program. Title: **HB 138 - Funding School Maintenance** Source: *Lexis-Nexis*
VA	Enacted 4/98	Provides specific authority for school boards to apply for Literary Funds loans to construct a school building on leased property under certain circumstances; requires school board to submit evidence that both parties are fully apprised of construction plans, a copy of such lease, certification of the approval of the local governing body and the local school board. Title: **HB 918 - Building on Leased Property** Source: *Lexis-Nexis*
VA	Enacted 4/98	Provides that any school board may enter into contract with commercial institution for the issuance of a telephone service or credit card that would bear the name or logo, or both, of the school board; provides that portion or percentage of revenue generated by use of such card will be returned to the local governing body and placed in a fund for public school purposes, for subsequent appropriation to the school board; provides budget regulations. Title: **SB 625 - School Board-issued Telephone Service or Credit Cards** Source: *Lexis-Nexis*
VT	Enacted 97	Makes equal education opportunity a fundamental right for all children; develops standards for student performance as well as assessment methods; establishes public school quality standards as biennial evaluation of compliance; reports annually on statewide and local school performance; equalizes all towns' abilities to pay for their schools; maintains local control of school budgets and per-pupil spending; gives all districts block grants of $5,000 per equalized pupil plus categorical aid (special ed., transportation; tech ed.); allows towns to raise as much as they want above block grant on equalized basis (every town can raise same amount per pupil with same tax rate); annually sets equalized yield rate for districts spending above block grant based on districts' pupil count, equalized grant list and spending levels; bases most Vermonters' school taxes on their incomes. Eligible residents (annual household income of $75,000 or less) get $15,000 homestead (house + two acres) exemption. For $5,000 per-pupil block grant, eligible residents pay $1.10 on homestead or 2% of household income. For above block-grant spending, town levies percentage of block grant tax based on equalized yield rate. Super circuit breaker — $47,000 or less household income pays no more than 5% of that income for combined school and municipal taxes on the homestead. Includes other miscellaneous provisions. Title: **HB 527 - An Act Relating to Equal Educational Opportunity** Source: *Rep. Paul Cillo*

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VT	Enacted 3/98	Proposes to make technical corrections and clarify policy provision in the Equal Educational Opportunity Act pertaining to property taxes. Title: **HB 577 - Revising Equal Educational Opportunity Act** Source: *Lexis-Nexis*
WA	Died 5/98	Relates to medical reimbursement payments to school districts. Title: **HB 2682 - Medical Reimbursement** Source: *Lexis-Nexis*
WV	Enacted 4/98	Relates to funding plan for continuing public school construction. Title: **SB 533 - School Construction Funding** Source: *Lexis-Nexis*
WY	Vetoed 6/97	Prescribes school reform in response to supreme court decision in Campbell County School District et al. v. State of Wyoming et al. Title: **HB 1001 - School Funding Reform** Source: *Lexis-Nexis*
WY	Enacted 3/98	Relates to school capital construction; establishes a program for school district building and facility maintenance as specified; provides for maintenance and repair payments; imposes accounting and reporting requirements; provides for advance maintenance and repair payments from the capital construction account as specified. Title: **SB 16 - School Capital Construction** Source: *Lexis-Nexis*
WY	Enacted 3/98	Relates to school capital construction; modifies mill-levy supplement program for local district bonded indebtedness; imposes uniform statewide building standards for school building adequacy; prescribes process for prioritizing statewide building needs; restricts expenditure of revenue dedicated to capital construction account; modifies capital construction grant and loan program. Title: **SB 38 - School Capital Construction** Source: *Lexis-Nexis*
GIFTED AND TALENTED		
STATE	STATUS	SUMMARY
IN	Enacted 3/98	Requires Department of Education to establish state resources program for high-ability students; requires governing body of school corporation to develop local plan and provide a program for such students at all grade levels; provides for graduation examinations and honors diploma awards. Title: **SB 389 - Resources for High-Ability Students** Source: *Lexis-Nexis*
KY	Enacted 4/98	Relates to State Advisory Council for gifted-and-talented education; provides that governor appoint 19 voting members representing various interests and three nonvoting, ex officio members to make recommendations to Department of Education, Board of Education and Education Professional Standards Board regarding services and programs for gifted-and-talented students. Title: **HB 815 - Gifted and Talented** Source: *Lexis-Nexis*
NE	Enacted 4/98	Adopts the Quality Education Accountability Act; provides incentive payments to local systems that have adopted academic standards promulgated by the State Board of Education, have system of alternative education for all expelled students, have approved program for learners with high ability, and where 60% of the graduating seniors have taken a standard college admissions test and have an aggregate above-average score. Title: **LB 1228 - Quality Education Accountability Act** Source: *Lexis-Nexis*

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NE	Enacted 4/98	Provides funds for accelerated or differential curriculum programs; provides that school districts will annually provide Department of Education with copy of criteria for identifying learners with high ability Title: **LB 1229 - Accelerated or Differential Curricula** Source: *Lexis-Nexis*
VA	Enacted 4/98	Adds study of gifted education, particularly the use of multiple criteria to identify underserved gifted students, to the requirements for licensure for classroom teachers Title: **HB 1287 - Gifted Students** Source: *Lexis-Nexis*

GOVERNANCE		
STATE	**STATUS**	**SUMMARY**
CT	Enacted 6/98	Reviews expenditures for programs and services within the Department of Education to evaluate their effectiveness and benefits and assign priorities for continued funding Title: **HB 5718 - Expenditure Review** Source: *Lexis-Nexis*
CT	Enacted 5/98	Allows two high school student members to serve on the State Board of Education, specifies requirements for student member eligibility for appointment, stipulates that student members shall have a vote only on matters related to secondary school curriculum Title: **SB 261 - Student Membership on School Boards** Source: *Lexis-Nexis*
GA	Enacted 3/98	Prohibits the Decatur city manager from having any voice in education matters; specifies that local school board and superintendent have certain powers and duties regarding school facilities and education matters Title: HB **1407 - Distribution of Powers in Education** Source: *Lexis-Nexis*
HI	Died 8/98	Proposes constitutional amendment to change manner in which board of education members are selected; proposes to have board members appointed by the governor rather than elected to clarify accountability issue because governor would have the ultimate responsibility and authority for public education Title: **HB 2561 - Constitutional Amendment** Source: *Lexis-Nexis*
ID	Enacted 3/98	Appropriates monies to the superintendent of public instruction/State Department of Education for fiscal year 1999; limits the number of full-time equivalent positions Title: **SB 1550 - Appropriates Monies for Fiscal 1999** Source: *Lexis-Nexis*
KY	Enacted 4/98	Relates members of the Kentucky Board of Education to have at least an associate degree or its equivalent, as opposed to a bachelor's degree Title: **HB 779 - Board Member Qualifications** Source: *Lexis-Nexis*
KY	Enacted 4/98	Establishes Arts Council as independent agency within the Education, Arts and Humanities Cabinet; abolishes Visual Arts Program; authorizes secretary of the Education, Arts and Humanities Cabinet, upon council recommendation, to appoint council executive director Title: **SB 160 - Arts Council** Source: *Lexis-Nexis*
LA	Enacted 5/98	Names and designates vocational-technical schools under the State Board of Elementary and Secondary Education's jurisdiction; provides for certain prison vocational programs Title: **HB 63 - Board Jurisdiction Over Vocational Schools** Source: *Lexis-Nexis*

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MD	Enacted 5/98	Allows interim chief executive officer of the new Baltimore City Board of School Commissioners to be eligible for appointment as permanent board CEO Title: **SB 610 - City Board of School Commissioners** Source: *Lexis-Nexis*
MO	Enacted 6/98	Provides for school finance definitions, levies of state aid and line 14 categorical aid, Urban Transfer Program, revised governance for St. Louis City Schools, charter schools, lapsing districts, academically deficient schools, low graduation-rate schools, grants and tax credits, teacher-related items, transportation aid and other changes Title: **SB 781 - City School Governance** Source: *Lexis-Nexis*
MS	Died 5/98	Authorizes school districts meeting Level III, IV or V accreditation requirements to exercise home-rule authority, excludes certain actions from such authority, requires State Board of Education to certify districts' eligibility to exercise home-rule authority, allows revocation of home-rule authority in school districts failing to maintain Level III, IV or V accreditation Title: **HB 48 - Home-Rule Authority** Source: *Lexis-Nexis*
OK	Enacted 7/97	Recreates Education Oversight Board, authorizing appointment of two nonlegislative members by the governor and two legislative members each appointed by the House speaker and the Senate president pro-tempore, increases terms from three years to five, makes funding for Office of Accountability an annual designated line item in the State Board of Education budget, designates Education Oversight Board to make budget recommendations for the Office of Accountability to the State Department of Education, transfers certain duties from the state board to the Education Oversight Board Title: **Education Oversight Board** Source: *Oklahoma State School Boards Association*
TN	Enacted 5/98	Extends the sunset date of the State Board of Education to June 30, 2006 Title: **SB 2114 - Sunset Date Extension** Source: *Lexis-Nexis*
VT	Enacted 6/97	Adds to the State Board of Education the following new duties: developing standards for student performance and a means of assessing performance, establishing an information clearinghouse for successful education programs, reporting annually on the condition of education on a statewide and local basis, developing guidelines for use of funds for technology, developing sample ballot language for local voting, and periodically evaluating the effects of Vermont's education finance system on equality of educational opportunity Title: **HB 527 - Educational Policy Provisions** Source: *Vermont Legislative Council*
VT	Enacted 6/97	States that Legislative Oversight Committee on Restructuring Education will include 10 members of General Assembly, oversee implementation of this act, with additional specific study assignments (existing statutory property tax exemptions, effects on mobile-home park tenants and economic development), review study assignments directed to others (gross receipts tax study, small schools study, special education and tuition at independent schools) with authority to receive periodic reports from executive agencies relating to this act, provides for additional authority to review proposed administrative rules relating to the act, with FY98 budget of $50,000, with termination on December 1, 2001 Title: **HB 527 - Major Additional Studies and Reports** Source: *Vermont Legislative Council*

HEALTH		
STATE	**STATUS**	**SUMMARY**
AL	Enacted 5/98	Provides for registered nurses to be employed in the public schools Title: **SB 423 - Employment of Nurses in Schools** Source: *Lexis-Nexis*

STATE	STATUS	SUMMARY
AZ	Enacted 5/98	States that charter schools, public schools and health-care facilities cannot be located within specific distances of agricultural land subject to application of pesticides Title: **SB 1300 - Pesticide Buffer Zones** Source: *Lexis-Nexis*
CO	Enacted 3/98	Prohibits school district boards from adopting exemptions against the use of tobacco on school property and invalidates all exemptions previously granted Title: **HB 1139 - Tobacco Prohibition** Source: *Lexis-Nexis*
FL	Died 4/98	Requires Education Department consultation with Health Department; provides staff requirement for school-health services program Title: **SB 430 - School-Health Services** Source: *Lexis-Nexis*
KY	Enacted 4/98	Defines terms including employee health-care services person; prohibits Board of Education member, school superintendent or administrator from requiring, directing, authorizing or allowing employee to perform health-care services; allows licensed registered nurse to teach, delegate and supervise provision of health care Title: **HB 189 - Health-Care Services** Source: *Lexis-Nexis*
SC	Enacted 4/98	Authorizes licensed practical nurses to provide certain services in residential settings and public schools without onsite supervision of nurse, doctor or dentist if certain procedures are followed Title: **HB 4358 - Licensed Nurses** Source: *Lexis-Nexis*
VA	Enacted 5/98	Establishes School Nurse Incentive Grants Program and Fund, to be administered by Board of Education, to be disbursed to award matching grants to school boards to employ or contract with local health departments for nursing services to achieve the ratio of at least one nurse per 750 students in the relevant school division Title: **HB 1060 - School Nurse Incentive Grants Program** Source: *Lexis-Nexis*

IMMIGRANTS

STATE	STATUS	SUMMARY
VA	Proposed 1/98	Requires Board of Education to verify citizenship as condition of school admission of students for whom English is second language between ages 12 and 18 Title: **SB 559 - Citizenship Verification** Source: *Lexis-Nexis*

INCENTIVE/SANCTIONS

STATE	STATUS	SUMMARY
DE	Died 98	Establishes graduated licenses system; allows minors to drive only under supervision for 12 months before "graduating" to second level, which permits minor to drive only from 5 a.m. to 10 p.m. or when going to and from work; allows minor to receive full provisional license after six months at level 2, which allows unlimited driving, but remains subject to revocation for motor vehicle violations Title: **SB 176 - Graduated Driver's Licenses** Source: *Lexis-Nexis*

STATE	STATUS	SUMMARY
IL	Enacted 97	Requires school boards to establish, implement and enforce a uniform and consistent policy under which a 9-12 grade student who fails to maintain a specified minimum gradepoint average or specified minimum grade in each course in which enrolled or both is suspended from further participation in any school-sponsored athletic or extracurricular activity until a specified gradepoint average or minimum grade or both are earned; effective with 1998-99 school year, requires school districts to file report to state board citing number and length of suspensions imposed. Title: **105 ILCS 5/10-20.30 - No Pass-No Play** Source: *Lexis-Nexis*
MD	Enacted 5/98	Establishes a School Accountability Funding for Excellence for public school systems; appropriates funds for various education programs. Title: **HB 1 - Accountability Funding for Excellence** Source: *Lexis-Nexis*
MO	Died 8/98	Requires compulsory school attendance until age 18; conditions the issuance of driving privileges; requires parental permission to apply for a driver's license or learner's permit; applies to students in home schools, vocational schools, public and nonpublic secondary schools and high school equivalence courses and special education programs. Title: **HB 928 - School Attendance Required for Driver's License** Source: Lexis-Nexis
MS	Died 5/98	Allows deduction in computing taxable income for income taxes to individuals completing high school or college or both. Title: **HB 30 & HB 79 - Income Tax Deduction for Students** Source: *Lexis-Nexis*
NC	Enacted 6/97	Addresses expanding school-based incentive awards under the ABCs program; makes larger financial awards available to staff in schools where student achievement is higher than expected; for first time, makes financial awards available to staff in schools that meet expected objectives for student achievement. Title: **Excellent Schools Act/School-Based Incentive Awards** Source: *Legislative Education Staff Network-Kory Goldsmith, NC Research Division*
NE	Enacted 4/98	Adopts Quality Education Accountability Act; provides incentive payments to local systems that have adopted academic standards promulgated by State Board of Education, have system of alternative education for all expelled students, have approved program for learners with high ability, and where 60% of graduating seniors have taken a standard college admissions test and have an aggregate above-average score. Title: **LB 1228 - Incentives for Adopting Standards** Source: *Lexis-Nexis*
NE	Enacted 5/98	Relates to truancy, school closing, reorganization of school districts, assistant commissioner of education, education service units, statewide public computer information network and quality education incentive payments. Title: **LB 1 - Education Funding** Source: *Lexis-Nexis*
OK	Died 8/98	Relates to providing extra funding for school districts which have 90% of classes graduate; circumvents remedial classes in higher education. Title: **HB 2854 - Incentives** Source: *Lexis-Nexis*
OK	Enacted 5/98	Requires certain reading proficiency for driver's license or permit applications by students; allows for alternative reading proficiency test; requires remediation and certain approvals. Title: **HB 2889 - Incentives for Driver License** Source: *Lexis-Nexis*

STATE	STATUS	SUMMARY
OK	Died 8/98	Creates the Better Schools Incentive Grant Program; makes implementation of certain programs contingent upon the appropriation of certain funds. Title: **SB 1351 - Better Schools Incentive Grant Program** Source: *Lexis-Nexis*
OK	Enacted 7/97	Requires any person under 18 who receives a drivers license to document student status and passage of an 8th-grade reading proficiency test approved by the State Department of Education; requires school districts to document, upon request, a student's reading proficiency by passage of the 8th-grade criterion-referenced reading exam; requires school districts to reexamine any student who fails to pass the exam; requires alternative documentation of reading proficiency of certain students with disabilities. Title: **SB 0081 - Literacy Requirement for Driver's License** Source: *Oklahoma State School Boards Association*
OK	Enacted 6/97	Requires persons under age 18 to have passed criterion-referenced reading test required for 8th-grade students in the public schools or alternative reading proficiency test approved by State Department of Education in order to get a driver's license; requires school districts to offer to reexamine any student who fails the exam and to administer the tests at least six times per year; allows districts to charge up to $25 per reexamination for each subsequent reexamination after the first; requires State Board of Education to administer or contract with school districts to administer reading proficiency test to any student not enrolled in public school; allows alternative documentation of reading proficiency for learning-disabled, special education, alternative and certain other students. Title: **SB 81 - School Enrollment Required for Driver's License** Source: *1997 Session Highlights - Oklahoma House of Representative*
OK	Enacted 6/98	Relates to schools and driving privileges; requirements for issuing certain driver licenses; restricts driving privileges for certain holders or restricted licenses. Title: **SB 1429 - Driving Privileges** Source: *Lexis-Nexis*
OR	Enacted 8/97	Gives school districts greater control over quality of instruction; calls for current and new teachers to be employed on renewable two-year contracts; makes expedited appeals process and professional assistance program available to any teacher whose contract is allowed to expire; to encourage boards to terminate low-performing teachers; calls for state to reimburse school boards for appeal and/or dismissal costs; allows boards, during forced layoffs, to use competency criteria rather than seniority lists; requires State Board of Education to develop system for identifying and rewarding successful schools; provides monetary awards to teachers for classroom enhancements or professional development. Title: **SB 880 - Incentive Rewards** Source: *Lexis-Nexis*
TN	Enacted 5/98	Revises procedure for minor withdrawn from school to appeal revocation of driver license. Title: **SB 3048 - Appealing License Revocation** Source: *Lexis-Nexis*
VA	Died 6/98	Provides for local school boards to require the division superintendent to request that the Department of Motor Vehicles suspend driver's license of any student who has 15 or more unexcused absences and who has not complied with school division efforts to ensure regular school attendance; requires division superintendent to notify Department of Motor Vehicles accordingly and request reinstatement of the student's driver's license. Title: **HB 1321 - Driver's License Suspension** Source: *Lexis-Nexis*
VA	Proposed 1/98	Provides that school board must require a student to be enrolled in public school to participate in extracurricular activities sponsored by the school he or she attends or the school division. Title: **SB 650 - Extracurricular Activities** Source: *Lexis-Nexis*

STATE	STATUS	SUMMARY
VA	Enacted 5/98	Establishes the Virginia Educational Reward Program and Fund to be administered by the Board of Education; allows funds to be disbursed for incentive grants to public schools meeting certain eligibility or performance criteria established by the board; supports nonmonetary awards recognizing exemplary performance by teachers, administrators and students at the regional and state levels Title: **HB 653 - Incentive Grants** Source: *Lexis-Nexis*

INSTRUCTION METHODS		
STATE	**STATUS**	**SUMMARY**
AL	Enacted 4/98	Allows class-size caps for grades K-6 to be waived with a written and valid justification by the local superintendent and a remedy to correct the situation by fall 1998. Class-size caps for K-3 are set at a maximum of 18 students and for grades 4-6 at 26 students Title: **State Board of Education Resolution** Source: *Lexis-Nexis*
AZ	Enacted 5/98	Makes technical changes to existing requirements regarding pupils who do not meet the literacy and reading comprehension standards set by the Board of Education by providing intensive reading instruction without instruction in any other subject matter until the pupil meets the standards; requires intensive reading instruction for pupils who cannot pass an "Arizona Instrument to Measure Standards" test, created by the Board of Education Title: **HB 2293 - Literacy Standards** Source: *Lexis-Nexis*
FL	Died 5/98	Requires academic enrichment activities for specified students; requires evaluation of student academic progress Title: **SB 86 - Academic Enrichment Activities** Source: *Lexis-Nexis*
FL	Enacted 5/98	Clarifies definition of term "home education program"; provides that definition of term "nonpublic school" does not include home education program for purpose of survey requirements; that private tutoring may be used to meet regular school attendance requirements; that parents may select method of evaluation; provides requirements for private tutoring programs Title: **HB 3951 - Home Education** Source: *Lexis-Nexis*
GA	Enacted 4/98	Changes eligibility for, and method of calculating amount, of state grants for joint academic after-school programs for at-risk students; includes students also enrolled in regular school; limits total year amount of grant; bases calculation on remedial education costs Title: **SB 404 - After-school Programs for At-Risk Students** Source: *Lexis-Nexis*
KY	Enacted 4/98	Defines a primary program and describes critical attributes for it; requires each school council or school, when no council exists, to determine organization of its ungraded primary program, including extent to which multi-age groups are necessary based on critical attributes; requires each local school district collect data by school on number of primary students who take five years to complete program Title: **HB 484 - Primary Programs** Source: *Lexis-Nexis*
MD	Enacted 5/98	Requests governor to appoint special committee to study class-size reduction programs in Maryland and other states, review effects and results of past legislative action and school district initiatives pertaining to this issue, and propose modifications and remedies Title: **HJR 15 - Class-Size Reduction** Source: *Lexis-Nexis*

STATE	STATUS	SUMMARY
MN	Enacted 6/97	Allows postsecondary education institutions that determine, based on results of standardized 8th-grade test, that students are not prepared for college-level work and need remedial courses, to "bill back" costs of providing those courses to the school district that graduated the student, unless high school can show student did meet basic skill requirements; makes nonpublic school students eligible for the Postsecondary Enrollment Options program. Title: **HB 1 & SB 1 - Charter Schools** Source: *Lexis-Nexis*
MN	Died 5/98	Gives school district the authority, by annual board action, to compel students to attend summer school, based on criteria adopted at the time of taking such action; defines habitual truancy in such cases as five days' absence from summer school. Title: **HB 2276 - Compulsive Summer School** Source: *Lexis-Nexis*
MN	Died 5/98	Enhances funding for class-size reduction; provides full equalization of school district debt-service levies. Title: **SB 3157 - Class-Size Reduction** Source: *Lexis-Nexis*
MS	Died 5/98	Authorizes home-school students to participate in public school interscholastic activities under certain conditions. Title: **SB 2051 & SB 2060 - Home-School Student Participation in Interscholastic Activities** Source: *Lexis-Nexis*
MS	Died 5/98	Establishes maximum pupil-teacher ratio of 12:1 in grades K-3 in school districts failing to meet accreditation standards; provides for state to fund no greater than 50% of the additional costs associated with the reduced pupil-teacher ratio. Title: **HB 9 - Pupil-Teacher Ratio** Source: *Lexis-Nexis*
NH	Died 3/98	Establishes a study committee to analyze the impact of class size on overall education performance and the safe, orderly conduct of schools; investigates methods by which the state can provide funds to encourage schools to reduce class sizes. Title: **HB 1420 - Class Size** Source: *Lexis-Nexis*
NH	Enacted 4/98	Establishes committee to study home-school students' access to public school facilities. Title: **HB 1247 - Access to Public Schools for Home-School Students** Source: *Lexis-Nexis*
NJ	Enacted 5/98	Provides that remedial programs for nonpublic school students may be held on the premises of the nonpublic school. Title: **SB 93 - Remedial Programs** Source: *Lexis-Nexis*
NV	Died 7/97	Makes appropriations to the Clark County School District for establishment and operation of various education programs; provides for extending instruction beyond the regularly scheduled school day and for parents to participate in the program to support and extend the tutorial effort; designates participation of no fewer than 25 schools within the district, of which not less than two-thirds have been identified as enrolling the largest number of pupils at risk of academic failure. Title: **AB 651 - Extended Day, Parental Participation** Source: *Lexis-Nexis*

STATE	STATUS	SUMMARY
NV	Enacted 6/97	Makes appropriations to the trust fund for class-size reduction for distribution to the county school districts; specifies that fund must be used to employ teachers in order to comply with the required pupil-teacher ratio in grades 1 and 2 and in selected kindergartens with pupils considered at risk of failure by superintendent of public instruction; and to maintain the present ratio of pupils per teacher in grade 3 Title: **AB 659 - Class-Size Reduction** Source: *Lexis-Nexis*
OH	Died 8/98	Earmarks specified percentages of personal income and sales and use taxes for education expenditures; creates Ohio Education Fund to supplement funding; increases basic per-pupil aid; provides for smaller pupil-teacher ratios; curriculum resources; school buses; education of severely, multiple-handicapped pupils; staff development; pledges additional $100 million in lottery profits to repay bonds issued for school building assistance Title: **SB 176 - Reduced Class Size, Staff Development, Etc.** Source: *Lexis-Nexis*
SC	Died 8/98	Requires school districts to provide enrichment and remediation programs for at-risk students if a school district has less than 50% of its students achieving the standards score on the basic skills assessment program Title: **HB 4187 & 4188 - Enrichment and Remediation Programs for At-Risk Students** Source: *Lexis-Nexis*
SC	Died 8/98	Requires certain pupil-teacher ratios in grades K-6 as 27:1 beginning with school year 1999 and fully phased in at 15:1 by school year 2004; provides for waiver of these ratios under certain conditions and for reduction of state aid for any district not meeting these ratios Title: **SB 838 - Pupil-Teacher Ratios** Source: *Lexis-Nexis*
SD	Enacted 97	Provides youth-at-risk funds for class-size reduction projects; grants to be awarded to school districts for projects that work toward the goal of reducing class sizes for students in grades K-3 to 15 students or fewer per classroom; awards to be based on quality of program description, including goals and objectives, organizational structure, operating schedule, degree of youth at risk potential, expertise of involved personnel, outlined performance outcomes, coordination with current school program and projected budget Title: **13-14-8.1 - Youth-At-Risk Funds** Source: *Lexis-Nexis*
TX	Enacted 97	Provides incentives for school districts that admit students transferring from low-performing schools in other districts: in addition to normal formula allotments for each student accepted, receiving districts will get extra 10% of the basic allotment (about $267); districts also will be eligible for additional facility funding if number of students accepted is at least 1% of district's prior year average daily attendance; students in summer remedial classes must demonstrate proficiency of the subject matter to progress to the next grade; in addition to meeting existing summer school attendance requirements Title: **Budget** Source: *Southern Regional Education Board Legislative Report*
UT	Enacted 3/98	Makes an appropriation for class-size reduction in grades 7 and 8 in the public schools; requires schools to use innovative methods in reducing class size Title: **HB 182 - Class-Size Reduction** Source: *Lexis-Nexis*
VA	Died 6/98	Expands 4-year-old at-risk preschool program to cover all eligible students in all schools; revises the statewide voluntary pupil-teacher ratio and class-size reduction programs for grades K-3 in schools with high concentrations of at-risk pupils to bring schools with at least 50% free lunch participation from the current 18:1 pupil-teacher ratio to a 15:1 ratio; reduces individual class sizes from 22 to 20 in these schools Title: **HB 434 & SB 167 - Class-Size Reduction Program** Source: *Lexis-Nexis*

STATE	STATUS	SUMMARY
VA	Proposed 1/98	Requires boards to adopt policies for part-time admission and enrollment of nonpublic school students; requires that student reside in district for school he desires to attend and that parent or guardian submit evidence of residence Title: **HB 156 - Home Instruction** Source: *Lexis-Nexis*
VA	Enacted 4/98	Requires school boards to report annually, on or before January 1, to the public the pupil-teacher ratios in current school year by school, teacher, grade and class; includes only teachers who teach on full-time basis and excludes resource teachers in elementary school grades and classes and all special education teachers, principals, assistant principals, counselors and librarians in elementary, middle and secondary schools Title: **HB 211 - Pupil/Teacher Ratios** Source: *Lexis-Nexis*
VA	Enacted 97	Requires Board of Education to establish standards for remedial summer school programs to strengthen and improve effectiveness of such programs in increasing the scholastic achievement of students with academic deficiencies; such standards shall require an program evaluation and school division report including such data as number of students failing Literacy Passport Test, any or all components, for each administration of the test; demographic profile of students attending such programs; academic status of each student; types of instruction offered; program length; local costs of the program; number of ungraded and disabled students; and those with limited English proficiency; and the number of students failing the literacy tests who attend remedial summer school Title: **VA 22.1-199.2 - Standards for Remedial Summer School** Source: *Code of Virginia*
VA	Enacted 4/98	Requires parents who begin home instruction after the school year has begun to notify the division superintendent of their action as soon as practicable; eliminates requirement that parents provide the division superintendent with an assessment showing "an adequate level" of education progress for a home-schooled child who is under age 6 Title: **HB 968 - Home School Instruction** Source: *Lexis-Nexis*
VT	Enacted 4/98	Relates to use of public school facilities by home-schooled students Title: **SB 204 - Use of Public School Facilities by Home-School Students** Source: *Lexis-Nexis*
WA	Died 5/98	Relates to the summer school jump-start program Title: **SB 6401- Summer School Program** Source: *Lexis-Nexis*
WA	Died 05 98	Relates to reducing class size in elementary schools Title: **SB 6688 - Class Size in Elementary Schools** Source: *Lexis-Nexis*

INTERAGENCY COLLABORATIONS		
STATE	**STATUS**	**SUMMARY**
IA	Enacted 4/98	Relates to allocation of state aid for school-based youth services program; extends appropriations from 1998 to 2002 Title: **SB 2353 - State Aid for Youth Services Programs** Source: *Lexis-Nexis*
NV	Died 7/97	Makes an appropriation to the Clark County School District for establishment of a full-service school center Title: **AB 635 - Full-service School Center** Source: *Lexis-Nexis*

KINDERGARTEN		
STATE	**STATUS**	**SUMMARY**
HI	Died 8/98	Amends the age requirement for a child to attend kindergarten to be at least 5 years of age to be more specifically determined by the Board of Education Title: **SB 2871 - Kindergarten Age Requirement** Source: *Lexis-Nexis*
KS	Died 5/98	Relates to school districts; authorizes the collection of fees for maintenance of kindergarten for full school days; imposes certain limitations Title: **HB 2853 - Kindergarten Fees** Source: *Lexis-Nexis*
NH	Died 2/98	Provides kindergarten tuition reimbursement, under provisions of the Kindergarten Aid Law, directly to parents who live in a school district that has voted not to establish a kindergarten program; mandates that all public schools require a child to be 6 years of age or older by September 30 to be eligible to attend school in that year Title: **HB 1398 - Kindergarten Tuition Reimbursement** Source: *Lexis-Nexis*
TN	Enacted 5/98	Requires children entering kindergarten to be 5 years of age on July 31 rather than September 30 Title: **SB 2787 - Kindergarten Age Requirement** Source: *Lexis-Nexis*
WA	Died 5/98	Establishes the full-day kindergarten grant program in the 1998-99 school year to qualified school districts; may increase the time in kindergarten from one half day to one full day for each annual average full-time equivalent kindergarten student enrolled Title: **HB 2318 and HB 2329 - Full-Day Kindergarten Program** Source: *Lexis-Nexis*
WA	Died 5/98	Funds full-day kindergarten programs Title: **HB 2329 - Full-Day Kindergarten Programs** Source: *Lexis-Nexis*

LIBRARIES		
STATE	**STATUS**	**SUMMARY**
CO	Enacted 4/98	Concerns the taxing authority of school districts to support school libraries that are supported by taxes levied prior to the enactment of the "Colorado Library Law" Title: **HB 1150 - Libraries** Source: *Lexis-Nexis*

LITERACY		
STATE	**STATUS**	**SUMMARY**
MA	Proposed 7/97	Establishes a mandatory functional literacy program within the Department of Corrections Title: **HB 5209 - Mandatory Literacy Program in Department of Correction** Source: *Lexis-Nexis*
WV	Enacted 4/98	Creates Blind Person's Literacy Rights and Education Act Title: **SB 409 - Rights for the Blind** Source: *Lexis-Nexis*

MAGNET SCHOOLS		
STATE	**STATUS**	**SUMMARY**
CO	Enacted 4/98	Amends and clarifies law enacted requiring school districts to serve expelled students, allows local board to determine credits student will receive for education services provided during expulsion, requires boards to determine circumstances and manner in which disciplinary actions will be imposed through discipline code, allows grant money to be used for services for expelled students and students at risk of expulsion, continues mandatory expulsion of "habitually disruptive" students Title: **SB 1 - Expelled Students** Source: *Colorado Association of School Boards*
CO	Enacted 5/98	Establishes alternative online education program for student expelled from public school or who demonstrates circumstances that indicate student's probable success in online program, authorizes school district to count any student participating in online program as enrolled student for school finance purposes Title: **HB 1227 - Online Education Program** Source: *Colorado Association of School Boards*
FL	Enacted 11/97	Directs Alternative Education Institute to serve as education facility for at-risk youth, provides for expiration of office terms of institute's board of directors and reduces number of members on board, provides for appointment of new board, directs new board to recommend plan for future use of the education facility Title: **SB 8 - Facility for At-Risk Youth** Source: *Lexis-Nexis*
GA	Enacted 97	Authorizes State Board of Education to create alternative school program for students in grades 6-12 to serve students who violate the student code of conduct; program will provide individualized instruction, intervention strategies and transition to other programs these students need to become successful students and good citizens Title: **20-2-769 - Alternative School Program Authorizeds** Source: *Official Code of Georgia - 1997 Supplement*
LA	Enacted 5/98	Creates Alternative School Fund within state treasury, provides for benefit of chronically disruptive, suspended or expelled students or students who have dropped out without obtaining high school diploma, provides for investment of funds and expenditure by the Department of Education Title: **HB 27 - Alternative School Fund for At-Risk Youth** Source: *Lexis-Nexis*
MA	Died 8/98	Relates to alternative education, violence prevention and school safety Title: **HB 4633 - Alternative Education and School Safety** Source: *Lexis-Nexis*
MD	Enacted 5/98	Establishes Maryland Technology Academy in State Department of Education, specifies the purposes and format for academy operation, requires department to establish guidelines for application and selection of academy participants, provides that funds for the academy are to be provided in the annual budget for the State Department of Education Title: **HB 1347 - Establishing the Maryland Technology Academy** Source: *Lexis-Nexis*
MS	Died 5/98	Requires Department of Education to establish juvenile alternative program as pilot program in each supreme court district for 1st- and 2nd-time youth offenders, requires submission of report on effectiveness to certain legislative committees, authorizes youth courts to order offenders to participate in program Title: **HB 189 - Alternative Program for Juvenile Offenders** Source: *Lexis-Nexis*
MS	Died 5/98	Creates alternative education program under joint direction of State Department of Education and Department of Human Services to assist youth at risk, provides for teaching basic education fundamental skills, specifies program goals and objectives Title: **HB 262 - Alternative Educational Program** Source: *Lexis-Nexis*

STATE	STATUS	SUMMARY
NE	Enacted 4/98	Adopts the Quality Education Accountability Act, provides incentive payments to local systems that have adopted academic standards promulgated by the State Board of Education, have system of alternative education for all expelled students, have approved program for learners with high ability, and where 60% of graduating seniors have taken a standard college admissions test and have an aggregate above-average score Title: **LB 1228 - Alternative Education for Expelled Students** Source: *Lexis-Nexis*
OH	Enacted 8/97	Allows district board of education to join with boards of one or more other districts to form joint alternative school, requires, no later than July 1, 1999, each of the "big eight" school districts to establish at least one alternative school to meet education needs of students with severe discipline problems, including but not limited to, excessive truancy, excessive classroom disruption and multiple suspensions or expulsions, requires any other school district that attains a significantly substandard graduation rate, as defined by Department of Education, to establish alternative school Title: **SB 55 - Alternative Schools** Source: *Lexis-Nexis*
OR	Died 98	Directs board of education to adopt program to address problems of disruptive students in schools, specifies recommended program requirement including parent education class, exemption, pilot program and cost of alternative programs Title: **HB 3083 - Programs for Disruptive Students** Source: *Lexis-Nexis*
VA	Died 8/98	Requests Board of Education to develop guidelines for alternative education settings for middle and high school students, considering current Virginia law and regulations governing student disciplinary options and alternative settings Title: **HJR 242 - Alternative Education** Source: *Lexis-Nexis*

MIDDLE SCHOOLS		
STATE	**STATUS**	**SUMMARY**
GA	Enacted 7/97	Requires Department of Education, in consultation with the Georgia School-Age Care Association, to operate state program to provide enhanced academic resources, community service and other enrichment activities to middle-school-age children during nonschool hours Title: **20-2-312 - State Program for Middle School Children During Nonschool Hours** Source: *Official Code of Georgia - 1997 Supplement*
UT	Died 5/98	Creates middle-schools task force Title: **SB 77 - Middle Schools Task Force** Source: *Lexis-Nexis*

NEUROSCIENCE		
STATE	**STATUS**	**SUMMARY**
FL	Enacted 5/98	Requires state-funded education and care programs for infants and toddlers to foster brain development Title: **SB 660 - Brain Development in Preschool Programs** Source: *Lexis-Nexis*

NONPUBLIC SCHOOLS		
STATE	**STATUS**	**SUMMARY**
AL	Enacted 9/97	Requires Board of Education to make public high school graduation examinations available to nonpublic high school students for a reasonable fee Title: **SB 101 - Graduation for Nonpublic School Students** Source: *Lexis-Nexis*

STATE	STATUS	SUMMARY
NJ	Enacted 5/98	Allows remedial programs for nonpublic school students to be held on the premises of the nonpublic school Title: **SB 93 - Remedial Programs** Source: *Lexis-Nexis*
PA	Died 8/98	Provides for payments for transportation of nonpublic school pupils Title: **SB 859 - Payments for Transporting Nonpublic School Students** Source: *Lexis-Nexis*
VA	Enacted 3/98	Requires, as condition of employment in accredited private or parochial school, applicants seeking employment for the first time after July 1, 1998, to submit to fingerprinting and to provide criminal records information; allows governing board or administrator of accredited private or parochial school employing or previously employing a temporary teacher to disseminate information as to whether or not the teacher meets employment criteria Title: **HB 859 - Private School Employment Criteria** Source: *Lexis-Nexis*
WA	Vetoed 3/98	Authorizes learning materials to be loaned to private school students; provides that students attending state-approved private schools may receive loaned learning materials from the local school district in which the private school is located Title: **SB 6574 - Loaning Materials to Private School Students** Source: *Lexis-Nexis*
WA	Vetoed 3/98	Declares that "religiously affiliated exempt schools" means those schools that offer instruction in grades K-12, operate as a ministry of a local church or church association, are nonprofit and do not receive any state or federal funding; provides exemptions for such schools; recognizes the right of parents to place their children in religiously affiliated exempt schools that more closely meet the needs and education desires of parents and students Title: **HB 2330** - Religiously Affiliated Schools Source: *Lexis-Nexis*

OFFICIAL ENGLISH		
STATE	**STATUS**	**SUMMARY**
MO	Died 8/98	Establishes English as the official state language Title: **HB 1030 - English As Official State Language** Source: *Lexis-Nexis*
MO	Enacted 6/98	Establishes English as the state's common language; requires that Adult Basic Education provide English language instruction; requires Department of Elementary and Secondary Education to provide grants to local agencies to provide English language instruction; requires Department of Social Services to provide grants to programs for resettling refugees and legal immigrants to help arrange day care Title: **SB 583 & SB 645 - English as Official State Language** Source: *Lexis-Nexis*
PA	Died 8/98	Designates English as official language of the commonwealth Title: **SB 1123 - English as Official State Language** Source: *Lexis-Nexis*
UT	Died 5/98	Declares English to be the official language for the conduct of government business Title: **HB 189 - English as Official State Government Language** Source: *Lexis-Nexis*

PARENT/FAMILY		
STATE	**STATUS**	**SUMMARY**
DE	Enacted 7/97	Provides local school superintendents with authority to issue subpoenas to compel students' parents, custodians or guardians to attend school-parent conferences; restructures present school crime reporting statute to include violent felonies and some sex crimes in the list of crimes which must be reported; clarifies that the superintendent or a designee is the person responsible for filing criminal charges when a school employee is the victim. Title: **HB 322 - School Crime Reporting and Parent Subpoenas** Source: *Lexis-Nexis*
ME	Enacted 4/98	Implements recommendations of Task Force To Study Strategies To Support Parents and Children's First Teachers; directs commissioners of corrections, education, human services, mental health, mental retardation and substance abuse services to develop a fiscal plan for expanding state-funded child- and family-support services and related programs; develop core curriculum and training program for parents and caregivers; and meet needs for family support programs. Title: **HB 1632 - Expanding Child and Family Support Programs** Source: *Lexis-Nexis*
MO	Died 8/98	Creates special education parental training program; directs Department of Elementary and Secondary Education to develop statewide program for parents of children who need special education. Title: **HB 892 - Training Special Education Parents** Source: *Lexis-Nexis*
MS	Died 5/98	Requires public schools to hold scheduled parent visitation sessions during each semester of the school year and to arrange special visitation sessions for parents unable to attend scheduled sessions; makes child having no parent who attends at least one visitation session per semester ineligible to remain enrolled. Title: **HB 132 - Parental Visitation** Source: *Lexis-Nexis*
MS	Died 5/98	Creates Motivating Parents And Children pilot program within State Department of Education to make grants to school districts that provide perennial involvement services to families of compulsory school-age children residing in such school district. Title: **HB 246 - Motivating Parents And Children Pilot Program** Source: *Lexis-Nexis*
NH	Enacted 4/98	Establishes committee to study strategies for increasing parental involvement in public education. Title: **HB 1159 - Parental Involvement in Education** Source: *Lexis-Nexis*
NH	Died 3/98	Requires the designation of alternative acceptable reading materials for use in a school course following objection by a parent to current reading material. Title: **HB 1437 - Parental Rights** Source: *Lexis-Nexis*
TN	Enacted 5/98	Directs Select Oversight Committee on Education to study issues relative to relationships among administrators, teachers, parents and students, and admission and retention of students in public schools. Title: **HJR 719 - Parent-Teacher Study** Source: *Lexis-Nexis*

STATE	STATUS	SUMMARY
VA	Enacted 5/98	Revises Standards of Quality and other education provisions to incorporate the following recommendations of the Commission on the Future of Public Education: provides that the Board of Education is to establish Standards of Learning (SOL) for an articulated technological studies program in grades K-12; provides that SOLs for vocational education be revised to require full integration of English, mathematics, science and social studies; incorporates process for assessments in grades 3, 5 and 8; requires school divisions, by the year 2000, to establish a voice-mail communication system for parents, families and teachers to use after school Title: **HB 431 - Communicating with Parents & Families** Source: *Lexis-Nexis*
VA	Proposed 1/98	Requires Department of Education and Board of Education to direct all school systems to facilitate and promote participation of noncustodial natural parents in their children's education Title: **HJR 237 - Participation of Parents in the Education of Children** Source: *Lexis-Nexis*
VA	Enacted 4/98	Requires notice to parents of a pupil's absences from school for three consecutive days or five days in one calendar month to be given to both parents when they have been awarded joint physical custody Title: **HB 1278 - Notifying Divorced Parents of Absences** Source: *Lexis-Nexis*
WA	Died 5/98	Requires parental consent before a school conducts certain tests, questionnaires, surveys, analyses or evaluations Title: **HB 2308 - Parental Consent to Surveys and Tests** Source: *Lexis-Nexis*

PARTNERSHIPS

STATE	STATUS	SUMMARY
VA	Vetoed 4/98	Establishes the Business and Education Grants Program and Fund, to be administered by the Board of Education, to support 16 matching grants to be awarded annually on a competitive basis to school divisions; supports innovative partnerships between school divisions and local business and industry Title: SB **168 - Business and Education Grants Program and Fund** Source: *Lexis-Nexis*

POSTSECONDARY

STATE	STATUS	SUMMARY
AZ	Enacted 5/98	Expands postsecondary education commission's responsibilities to include a number of activities relating to mutual interests of public and private postsecondary education institutions, e.g., enrollment, underserved persons, capital planning Title: **HB 2193 - Postsecondary Education Commission Duties** Source: *Lexis-Nexis*
FL	Enacted 5/98	Requires continuing education course providers and instructors to be approved by Insurance Department; provides for department to investigate alleged improper conduct by customer representatives and continuing education course providers and instructors Title: **SB 766 - Regulating Continuing Education Providers** Source: *Lexis-Nexis*
FL	Enacted 5/98	Relates to State Board of Independent Colleges and Universities; restricts certain activities of graduates of foreign medical schools; requires certain procedures and rules to be adopted relating to licensing requirements; requires certain colleges to obtain permission to operate Title: **SB 2316 - Graduates of Foreign Medical Schools** Source: *Lexis-Nexis*

STATE	STATUS	SUMMARY
IL	Died 8/98	Requires governing board of each public university to have a student member who is entitled to vote on all board matters except those involving faculty tenure, faculty promotion or an issue in which that student member has a direct conflict of interest Title: **HB 2364 - Student Member of University Governing Boards** Source: *Lexis-Nexis*
KY	Enacted 97	Sets goals for postsecondary education and creates Council on Postsecondary Education to replace existing Council on Higher Education and provide direction and oversight to all higher education institutions; creates Kentucky Community and Technical College System composed of two branches: current University of Kentucky Community College System (with the exception of Lexington Community College, which will remain a part of UK) and postsecondary technical schools part of Cabinet for Workforce Development Title: **Higher Education Governance Restructuring** Source: *Southern Regional Education Board Legislative Report*
KY	Enacted 3/98	Designates Council on Postsecondary Education as state agency with responsibility and authority to direct and annually report on equal opportunities in postsecondary education; requires council to establish Committee on Equal Opportunities in Postsecondary Education to advise it on strategies for achieving the equal opportunity and institutional performance objectives contained in "The 1997-2002 Kentucky Plan for Equal Opportunities." Title: **HB 451 - Council on Postsecondary Education** Source: Lexis-Nexis
KY	Enacted 4/98	Relates to higher education employees; provides for a post-tenure review Title: **SB 11 - Post-tenure Review** Source: *Lexis-Nexis*
LA	Enacted 5/98	Creates and provides for the Louisiana Technical and Community College Systems and its management board Title: **SB 1 - Technical and Community College Management Board** Source: *Lexis-Nexis*
LA	Enacted 5/98	Proposes a constitutional amendment renaming the Board of Trustees for State Colleges and Universities. Became law without Governor's signature Title: **SB 42 - Renaming Board of Trustees** Source: *Lexis-Nexis*
LA	Enacted 5/98	Proposes constitutional amendment to eliminate conflict in membership of Board of Regents and provide for membership in the same manner as the management boards Title: **SB 57 - Board of Regents Membership** Source: *Lexis-Nexis*
MO	Died 8/98	Establishes additional members for certain university boards; makes several changes in representation of public college and university governing bodies; permits the student representative to Board for Curators to attend closed board meetings; authorizes student representative to receive reimbursement for expenses for attending board meetings Title: **HB 906 - University Board** Source: *Lexis-Nexis*
MS	Died 5/98	Reconstitutes membership of board of trustees of state institutions of higher learning by providing that members will be appointed from congressional districts as the districts exist at time of the appointment; provides, in case of a vacancy, for the governor to appoint a member for the remainder of the term with the advice and consent of the senate Title: **SCR 512 - Higher Education Board Appointments** Source: *Lexis-Nexis*

STATE	STATUS	SUMMARY
MS	Enacted 3/98	Authorizes junior colleges to admit students who have earned one unit less than the number of units state statute requires for high school graduation or have earned a General Education Diploma in courses correlated to those of interest Title: **SB 2858 - Junior College Admissions** Source: *Lexis-Nexis*
NH	Enacted 6/98	Changes the student membership on the university system of New Hampshire Board of Trustees from one rotating member to three permanent members Title: **HB 1369 - Student Trustee Board Membership** Source: *Lexis-Nexis*
NH	Enacted 6/98	Replaces regional community-technical college board of governors with a board of trustees, revises board's duties, creates commission on the status of community technical education Title: **SB 503 - Community College Board of Trustees** Source: *Lexis-Nexis*
NJ	Died 98	Grants voting rights to student members of the Commission on Higher Education Title: **SB 2337 - Student Members of Higher Education Commission** Source: *Lexis-Nexis*
OK	Died 8/98	Eliminates tenure in higher education Title: **HB 3128 - Tenure in Higher Education** Source: *Lexis-Nexis*
PA	Proposed 6/97	Provides for the establishment, membership, powers and duties of the Community College Coordinating Board; further provides for payments to community colleges Title: **SB 1049 - Community College Coordinating Board** Source: *Lexis-Nexis*
SC	Enacted 97	Provides $714.6 million higher education general fund budget for 1997-98, a 2.8% increase, also increases formula funding by 2.8%, bringing total to $667.7 million; includes $4.6 million to begin implementing performance funding as required in 1996 legislation, which called for institutional funding to be based entirely on performance by fall 2000; includes increases for Experimental Program to Stimulate Competitive Research ($2.3 million, up 12.5%) and need-based grants for students in independent colleges ($18.7 million, up 5%) Title: **1997-98 Budget** Source: *Southern Regional Education Board Legislative Report*
TX	Enacted 97	Requires each higher education institution to adopt core curriculum of at least 42 semester hours, transferable among state's colleges and universities; requires each undergraduate student who enters public college to be tested for reading, writing and math skills prior to enrolling; students requiring remediation will be retested after completing developmental studies and must meet test minimum standards (or earn a B or better in freshman-level course in the subject where the deficit exist) prior to enrolling in upper-level courses Title: **Higher Education Core Curriculum** Source: *Southern Regional Education Board Legislative Report*
VA	Enacted 4/98 & 3/98	Modifies definition of comprehensive community college to include provision of noncredit training and retraining courses and programs of varying lengths to meet needs of business and industry in the commonwealth; designates Community College System as state agency with primary responsibility for workforce training at or below the associate degree level Title: **SB 384 & HB 849 - Community College System** Source: *Lexis-Nexis*

PRIVATIZATION		
STATE	**STATUS**	**SUMMARY**
NM	Enacted 4/97	Amends statute to authorize school districts to lease advertising space on school buses; creates School Bus Advertising Fund in state treasury to be administered by State Department of Education; requires proceeds be distributed as follows: 10% to school bus owner operators, 60% to school districts proportionate to the amount they contributed to the fund to use for education computer technology, and 40% to school districts on a per-membership basis of middle and junior high schools for extracurricular activities. Title: **SB 632 - School Bus Advertisements** Source: *Legislative Education Study Committee*
RI	Enacted 7/98	Allows local school districts to establish procedures for the display of televised commercial advertising necessary and incidental to use and display of electronic news or educational programming by school officials in connection with public school curriculum. Title: **SB 2997 - Advertising in Public Schools** Source: *Lexis-Nexis*
SD	Enacted 3/98	Permits school districts to enter agreement with nonprofit organization to provide for construction, operation and maintenance of facilities. Title: **SB 80 - Nonprofit Facilities Organization** Source: *Lexis-Nexis*
SD	Enacted 3/98	Permits the issuance of economic development revenue bonds to finance primary, secondary and postsecondary schools operated by nonprofit entities. Title: **SB 183 - Bond Funding for Nonprofit Schools** Source: *Lexis-Nexis*
UT	Enacted 3/98	Provides for State Board of Education, in consultation with state's 40 school districts, to study and develop program to permit advertising in public schools as revenue source. Title: **SB 203 - Advertising in Schools** Source: *Lexis-Nexis*

RELIGION		
STATE	**STATUS**	**SUMMARY**
AL	Enacted 4/98	Provides brief period of reflection at opening of school every day in each public school classroom. Title: **HB 19 - Quiet Reflection Period in School** Source: *Lexis-Nexis*
GA	Died 5/98	Relates to competencies and core curriculum in elementary and secondary schools; requires the presentation of both refuting and supporting scientific evidence when the theory of evolution is presented; defines terms. Title: **HB 1133 - Theory of Evolution** Source: *Lexis-Nexis*
IA	Enacted 4/98	Adds services funded by Title I of federal Elementary and Secondary Education Act of 1965 to list of services that may be provided to nonpublic school students on nonpublic school premises. Title: **SB 2348 - Federal Funding of Services for Nonpublic Schools** Source: *Lexis-Nexis*
KY	Died 5/98	Sets forth findings regarding students' religious liberty and free-speech rights; defines terms; prescribes students' rights to participate in various religious activities at school, subject to certain conditions; prescribes administrative remedies and a civil action; prohibits teachers from encouraging any religious or anti-religious activity; requires the Department of Education to send copies of this act to local school officials. Title: **SB 48 - Religious Freedom** Source: *Lexis-Nexis*

STATE	STATUS	SUMMARY
KY	Enacted 4/98	Prohibits school personnel from denying students the privilege of praying during noninstructional time; specifies prayer must be student-initiated and voluntary Title: **HB 2 - School Prayer** Source: *Lexis-Nexis*
MS	Died 5/98	Requires moment of reflection and contemplation at beginning of each school day; provides that moment of reflection will be opportunity to reflect on day's anticipated activities Title: **HB 342 - Moment of Reflection in Schools** Source: *Lexis-Nexis*
MS	Died 5/98	Allows voluntary benedictions, invocations or prayers given by student volunteers on public property during noncompulsory school assemblies, sporting events and commencement ceremonies Title: SB **2070 - Voluntary Prayers** Source: *Lexis-Nexis*
OH	Died 8/98	Requires schools to provide for period of silence each school day Title: **HB 516 - Period of Silence** Source: *Lexis-Nexis*
WV	Died 5/98	Relates to authorizing voluntary prayer in public schools Title: **SJR 2 - Prayer in Public Schools** Source: *Lexis-Nexis*

SAFETY/CRIME/VIOLENCE		
STATE	**STATUS**	**SUMMARY**
CT	Enacted 6/98	Allows local and regional boards of education to establish safety committees to increase student and staff awareness of safety and health issues and to review the adequacy of emergency response procedures Title: **HB 5118 - Safety Committees** Source: *Lexis-Nexis*
FL	Enacted 5/98	Redefines term "mutual aid agreement" to include certain agreements among one or more law enforcement agencies and school board that employs or appoints university police officers; provides for state university to enter and lend assistance to such agreements Title: **HB 4219 - Law Enforcement and University Mutual Aid** Source: *Lexis-Nexis*
KY	Enacted 4/98	Authorizes establishment of Center for School Safety under control of board of directors to be located at public university and serve as central point for data analysis, research and dissemination of information relating to school safety Title: **HB 330 - School Safety** Source: *Lexis-Nexis*
RI	Enacted 6/98	Establishes a right to a safe school in higher education; modernizes the language of the Right to Safe School Act for elementary and secondary education Title: **HB 7200 & SB 2716 - Right to a Safe School Act** Source: *Lexis-Nexis*
TN	Enacted 5/98	Enacts the "Safe School Act of 1998." Title: **HB 2904 - Safe School Act** Source: *Lexis-Nexis*

SCHEDULING (SCHOOL CALENDAR)		
STATE	**STATUS**	**SUMMARY**
AZ	Enacted 5/98	States persons over 22 years old cannot attend vocational programs in high school buildings during regular class hours; appropriates $1.2 million to the Department of Education for extended-year and summer school programs. Title: **HB 2168 - Vocational School in High Schools** Source: *Lexis-Nexis*
LA	Enacted 5/98	Relates to length of school day and year and additional staff development days for teachers under certain circumstances. Title: **HB 119 - Length of School Day, Year** Source: *Lexis-Nexis*
MI	Died 12/97	Requires the school year to start after Labor Day. Title: **HB 5080 - School Year** Source: *Lexis-Nexis*
MN	Enacted 6/97	Requires that, beginning with the 1998-99 school year, school district calendars must be three days longer than the number of days of student instruction adopted by the district at the beginning of the 1996-97 school year, the first year without a minimum number of days. Title: **HB 1 & SB 1 - School Year Length** Source: *Lexis-Nexis*
MO	Died 8/98	Repeals Labor Day startup for schools. Title: **HB 962 - School Year** Source: *Lexis-Nexis*
MS	Died 5/98	Provides for all public school terms to begin on the Tuesday following Labor Day and end on the last day of May. Title: **SB 2045 - School Year** Source: *Lexis-Nexis*
MS	Enacted 3/98	Directs level I and level II school districts to provide extended-day and extended-year programs as required by State Board of Education as part of districts' corrective action plans; prescribes components and procedures to be followed by these districts and State Department of Education in developing and implementing districts' corrective action plans. Title: **SB 2944 - Extended School Day and Year Programs** Source: *Lexis-Nexis*
SC	Enacted 4/98	Approves Department of Education regulating summer programs. Title: **SB 1109 - Summer Programs** Source: *Lexis-Nexis*
VA	Enacted 97	Requires Board of Education to establish standards for remedial summer school programs to strengthen and improve effectiveness of such programs in increasing scholastic achievement of students with academic deficiencies; requires program evaluation and school division reports, including number of students failing any or all parts of Literacy Passport Test; demographic profile of students attending such programs; academic status of each student; types of instruction offered, program length, local costs; number of ungraded and disabled students and those with limited English proficiency; and number of students failing literacy tests who attend remedial summer school. Title: **VA 22.1-199.2 - Standards For Remedial Summer School** Source: *Code of Virginia*
WA	Died 5/98	Relates to the summer school jump-start program. Title: **SB 6401 - Summer School Program** Source: *Lexis-Nexis*

SCHOOL		
STATE	**STATUS**	**SUMMARY**
AL	Enacted 4/98	Appropriates $550 million for education bond to eliminate portable and substandard classrooms; school systems should remove portables within two years of receiving funds; most funds will be distributed on per-pupil basis for capital improvements with some for school bus renewal; higher education will receive $100 million of the bond. Title: **SB 409 - Alabama Safe Schools Bond Issue** Source: *Lexis-Nexis*
AL	Enacted 4/98	Relates to requirement for taking school census. Title: **HB 717 - School Census** Source: *Lexis-Nexis*
AZ	Enacted 5/98	Prohibits charter schools, public schools and health-care facilities from being located within specific distances of agricultural land subject to application of pesticides. Title: **SB 1300 - Pesticide Buffer Zones** Source: *Lexis-Nexis*
DE	Enacted 6/98	Establishes the Public School Transportation Task Force to review and make recommendations regarding governing public school transportation. Title: **HJR 19 - Public School Transportation Task Force** Source: *Lexis-Nexis*
FL	Enacted 97	Provides funds for School Infrastructure Thrift (SIT) program; commissioner of education may award participating districts up to 20% of cost of education facility that adheres to program's frugal construction requirements. Title: **School Infrastructure Thrift (SIT) Facilities Funding** Source: *Legislative Analyst, Senate Education Committee*
FL	Died 8/98	Requires each district school to meet annually with board of county commissioners and municipal governing bodies to plan for education facilities. Title: **HB 3283 - Facilities Planning** Source: *Lexis-Nexis*
FL	Enacted 11/97	Creates the "SMART Schools Act" — requires school districts to prepare five-year facilities work programs before adopting annual capital outlay budgets; provides for effort index grants for such projects; revises measures that qualify as energy conservation measures; establishes SMART School Small County Assistance Program for fiscal year 1998-99; requires standards for relocatables and provides guidelines. Title: **HB 17 - Smart Schools Act** Source: *Lexis-Nexis*
FL	Enacted 5/98	Requires that future land use element of local government's comprehensive plan include certain criteria regarding location of schools; requires public schools facilities element; provides directive to school boards regarding school location. Title: **SB 2474 - School Locations** Source: *Lexis-Nexis*
KY	Enacted 4/98	Requires local school districts to provide a cost-of-living increase for certified staff that equals or exceeds the percent increase in the Consumer Price Index or the base funding level in the Support Education Excellence in Kentucky program, whichever is less. Title: **HB 469 - Cost-of-Living Increase** Source: *Lexis-Nexis*
NJ	Died 98	Prohibits public school fundraising activities which include unsupervised door-to-door sales by students. Title: **AB 3231 - School Solicitation** Source: *Lexis-Nexis*

STATE	STATUS	SUMMARY
OH	Died 8/98	Creates two bipartisan education task forces to recommend legislation to improve educational opportunities for Ohio students and funding for school facilities Title: **HCR 32 & SCR 12 - Improved Educational Opportunities** Source: *Lexis-Nexis*
RI	Died 1/98	Requires schools with 20% or more students eligible for free or reduced-price lunches to enact a breakfast program for those students Title: **SB 2054 - School Breakfast Program** Source: *Lexis-Nexis*
RI	Enacted 7/98	Requires a criminal-history records check for new school employees and applicants Title: **HB 7873 - Criminal History Records Check** Source: *Lexis-Nexis*
SD	Enacted 2/98	Revises circumstances under which school district may charge fee for bus transportation Title: **SB 29 - Busing Fees** Source: *Lexis-Nexis*
TN	Enacted 5/98	Requires the board and local education agencies to implement earthquake drills for schools located entirely or partially within 100 miles of the New Madrid Fault Line Title: **HB 2394 - Earthquake Drills** Source: *Lexis-Nexis*
UT	Enacted 2/98	Increases the tax rate a local school board may levy for transporting students; provides for a state guarantee not to exceed 85% of the state average cost per mile Title: **HB 179 - Student Transportation Taxes** Source: *Lexis-Nexis*
WV	Enacted 4/98	Relates to air quality in new school construction, standards and tests, School Building Authority guidelines and report to Legislative Oversight Commission on education accountability Title: **HB 4697 - Air Quality** Source: *Lexis-Nexis*

SCHOOL BOARDS

STATE	STATUS	SUMMARY
CO	Enacted 4/98	Concerns qualifications for the office of school district director; prohibits any person convicted of or under a pending charge of committing sex offense against a child from serving on a school district board of education Title: **SB 11 - School District Director** Source: *Lexis-Nexis*
DE	Proposed 10/97	Increases compensation to state school board members to $100 per day, not to exceed 15 days per calendar year Title: **HB 405 - School Boards** Source: *Lexis-Nexis*
FL	Died 5/98	Limits salary increases for school board members and superintendents Title: **HB 3069 - Limiting School Board Salary Increases** Source: *Lexis-Nexis*
FL	Enacted 5/98	Prescribes rulemaking authority of school boards Title: **SB 1722 - Board Rulemaking Authority** Source: *Lexis-Nexis*
IL	Enacted 1/98	Moves school board elections from November to April Title: **HB 652 - School Board Elections** Source: *The Legislature and the Schools*

STATE	STATUS	SUMMARY
IN	Died 5/98	Provides for election, rather than appointment, of school board members for East Chicago Title: **SB 36 - School Board Elections** *Lexis-Nexis*
KY	Enacted 4/98	Requires Kentucky Board of Education members to have at least an associate degree or its equivalent, as opposed to a bachelor's degree Title: **HB 779 - Board Member Qualifications** Source: *Lexis-Nexis*
KY	Enacted 4/8	Deletes, as a condition of removal from local school board, members being a candidate for nomination or election to certain offices that would have rendered the person ineligible for reelection Title: **HB 151 - Board Elections** Source: *Lexis-Nexis*
LA	Enacted 5/98	Requires certain training and instruction for members of city and parish school boards Title: **HB 71 - Board Member Training** Source: *Lexis-Nexis*
MI	Died 8/98	Relates to the ineligibility of individuals convicted of certain crimes to serve on school board or intermediate school board Title: **HB 5428 School Board** Source: *Lexis-Nexis*
MS	Enacted 4/98	Provides for basic school board member training course to be conducted by the School Executive Management Institute within the State Department of Education and continuing education courses to be conducted by Mississippi School Boards Association Title: **HB 1269 - School Board Training** Source: *Lexis-Nexis*
NM	Vetoed 4/97	Changes time of local school board elections from first Tuesday in February to Tuesday after the first Monday in November Title: **HB 572 - Local School Board Elections** Source: *Legislative Education Study Committee*
NV	Died 98	Provides, in skeleton form, for the formation of community school boards Title: **SB 423 - Community School Boards** Source: *Lexis-Nexis*
OK	Enacted 4/98	Eliminates nine-member school boards; authorizes seven-member school boards to change to five-member school boards Title: **HB 2575 - Election of School Board Members** Source: *Lexis-Nexis*
OK	Enacted 4/98	Exempts from prohibition on holding dual offices school board members who are also members or officers of volunteer fire departments, certain directors or officers or rural water districts, and chiefs of municipal fire department or rural fire districts Title: **SB 789 - Holding Dual Offices** Source: *Lexis-Nexis*
OK	Enacted 5/98	Requires proof of high school graduation prior to filing for school board position Title: **HB 2785 - School Board Qualifications** Source: *Lexis-Nexis*
PA	Died 8/98	Provide for qualifications of school directors and members of board of trustees of charter schools; imposes criminal penalties for bribery and certain solicitations by school directors; establishes standard of conduct for members of charter school boards of trustees Title: **SB 1151 & SB 1152 - School Board Qualifications** Source: *Lexis-Nexis*

STATE	STATUS	SUMMARY
UT	Enacted 3/98	Prohibits state and local school board members from being employed by their respective boards during their terms of office; prohibits state board members from serving as employees or board members of other state education entities during their terms of office; provides exception for current terms. Title: **HB 282 - State Board Conflicts of Interest** Source: *Lexis-Nexis*
VA	Enacted 3/98	Clarifies that school boards are corporate bodies that may comprise elected as well as appointed members. Title: **HB 1124 - School Board Membership** Source: *Lexis-Nexis*

SCHOOL DISTRICTS/SYSTEMS		
STATE	**STATUS**	**SUMMARY**
CT	Died 2/98	Creates school district comprising regional vocational-technical schools to guarantee funding and a stable fiscal base. Title: **HB 5142 - School Districts** Source: *Lexis-Nexis*
ID	Enacted 3/98	Clarifies and revises the procedures by which the boundaries of a school district may be altered by the excision and annexation of territory between contiguous districts. Title: **HB 509 - School District Boundaries** Source: *Lexis-Nexis*
NE	Enacted 5/98	Relates to truancy, school closing, reorganization of school districts, assistant commissioner of education, educational service units, statewide public computer information network and quality education incentive payments. Title: **LB 1 - District Reorganization** Source: *Lexis-Nexis*
NH	Enacted 6/98	Changes procedures whereby a school district may withdraw from an area district; provides for the expiration and extension of area school plans; deletes certain exceptions to the tuition obligations of school districts for pupils attending schools in other districts. Title: **SB 400 - School Districts** Source: *Lexis-Nexis*
NJ	Died 98	Permits only two school districts to share a school business administrator. Title: **SB 2297 - Sharing Administrators** Source: *Lexis-Nexis*
NY	Enacted 8/97	Authorizes creation of certain union-free school districts consisting of the entire territory of a municipality whenever required by community's education interests. Title: **AB 8670 - Union-Free School Districts**
OK	Enacted 7/97	Allows two or more school districts to be consolidated into single school district on conditional basis if voters approve; provides that subsequent consolidation or annexations must be approved by majority of electors of each of the original school districts. Title: **HB 1049 - Conditional Consolidation of School Districts** Source: *Oklahoma State School Boards Association*
SD	Enacted 2/98	Revises certain provisions relating to contracting school districts that do not operate a K-12 school. Title: **SB 149 - Districts Lacking a K-12 School** Source: *Lexis-Nexis*

STATE	STATUS	SUMMARY
UT	Died 5/98	Provides a mechanism for the creation of a new school district and for the transfer of property to and the assumption of indebtedness by the new district Title: **SB 13 - School District Creation** Source: *Lexis-Nexis*

SECONDARY EDUCATION		
STATE	**STATUS**	**SUMMARY**
DE	Died 8/98	Establishes task force on high school graduation requirements to study and report on the impact of graduation requirements for graduating classes of 1999 through 2001 Title: **HR 42 (New Bill) - Effect of Graduation Requirements** Source: *Lexis-Nexis*
KY	Enacted 4/98	Eliminates 60-day notification and waiting period prior to student who is not yet 18 being able to withdraw from school; requires that student who has dropped out and enrolled in home school and who requests reinstatement of a driver's license to show proof to the public school administrator that he or she has corrected academic deficiencies Title: **HB 900 - Withdrawal and Home Schooling** Source: *Lexis-Nexis*
MI	Died 8/98	Prohibits the merger of middle school and high school in the same school building Title: **HB 4989 - Middle School/High School Facility Sharing** Source: *Lexis-Nexis*
MI	Enacted 1/98	Relates to high school proficiency test provisions — states that test will be given in the last 30 school days of a student's junior year to allow students more time to learn the materials covered; allows sophomore students wishing to pursue dual enrollment to take the test in the last six weeks of school; requires Department of Education to reduce administration time to eight hours; requires scores to be returned to students by end of summer with feedback; creates three endorsement categories indicating basic competency, above average and outstanding; places endorsement on transcript and not on diploma; allows Michigan teachers and administrators to score the test; permits students to retake the test at no cost; allows school districts to provide remediation Title: **HB 5375 & 5376 - High School Proficiency Test** Source: *Lexis-Nexis*
MI	Enacted 12/97	Requires Michigan Educational Assessment Program and high school proficiency test scores to be used as an indicator in school improvement process Title: **HB 5233 - Proficiency Testing and Assessment** Source: *Lexis-Nexis*
MN	Died 5/98	Requires graduation rules to ensure students satisfactorily complete applicable requirements; establishes task force to examine social promotion Title: **HB 3554 - Graduation Requirement** Source: *Lexis-Nexis*
MS	Died 5/98	Requires 75 hours of student community service or equivalent program approved by state superintendent of education for high school graduation Title: **SB 2074 - Community Service Requirement** Source: *Lexis-Nexis*
MS	Died 5/98	Requires all public high schools to provide instruction on human rights issues with emphasis on slavery, genocide and the holocaust; provides for course to be mandatory for high school graduation Title: **HB 248 - Human Rights Instruction** Source: *Lexis-Nexis*

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OH	Died 8/98	Requires that high school diplomas be granted to students who pass all but one of 9th-grade proficiency tests and achieve at least 3.0 gradepoint average and 95% attendance record Title: **HB 492 - Proficiency Tests** Source: *Lexis-Nexis*
OH	Died 8/98	Requires school districts that fail to meet specified high school graduation and proficiency test thresholds to provide scholarships or tutorial assistance grants to district students whose parents request them Title: **HB 496 - District Funding Tied to Performance** Source: *Lexis-Nexis*
OK	Died 8/98	Requires certain units of courses for high school graduation Title: **HB 3177 - High School Graduation** Source: *Lexis-Nexis*
OK	Enacted 5/98	Requires district boards of education to issue diplomas with distinction Title: **SB 1406 - Diploma with Distinction** Source: *Lexis-Nexis*
PA	Died 8/98	Provides for mandated community service as high school graduation requirement Title: **HB 1908 - Mandated Community Service for Graduation** Source: *Lexis-Nexis*
SC	Died 8/98	Relates to State Board of Education's authority to allow adjustments in institutional time required in defined minimum program, and to provision prohibiting requirement of a foreign language as a prerequisite to receiving a regular high school diploma Title: **SB 837 - Foreign Language Requirement** Source: *Lexis-Nexis*
SC	Died 8/98	Provides for SAT preparatory course to be included in each public high school curriculum Title: **HB 4241 - Preparatory Course for High Schools** Source: *Lexis-Nexis*
SC	Died 8/98	Requires instruction in cardiopulmonary resuscitation included in required science unit Title: **SB 1017 - Graduation Requirements** Source: *Lexis-Nexis*
SC	Enacted 97	Calls for students entering 9th grade in 1997-98 to complete 24 credits (up from 20) for high school graduation and provides $9.9 million (up from $5.5 million) to support this effort; leaves local school innovation and school incentive grants at current levels of $22 million and $5 million, respectively; includes $120,000 to reimburse fees and provide one-time bonuses for teachers who achieve national certification through the National Board for Professional Teaching Standards; provides for teacher pay raises averaging 2.7% to keep state average at southeastern average Title: **1997-98 Budget** Source: *Southern Regional Education Board Legislative Report*
SC	Enacted 97	Requires State Board of Education to add to approved textbook list any book reviewed during the adoption process if five or more local boards of trustees or if trustees of two or more larger districts request its adoption; creates new high school diploma category for students who earn at least 24 credit hours, meet requirements for either a college-prep or technical-prep track and earn an overall B average; provides for $500 scholarship at a public or private South Carolina college for students who receive this diploma and score at least 1100 on the SAT; includes $1.5 million to initiate this program Title: **1997-98 Budget** Source: *Southern Regional Education Board Legislative Report*

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SC	Enacted 4/98	Provides for graduating seniors who have completed 24 units of credit to meet the course requirements for the Star Diploma and Scholarship Title: **SB 1031 - Graduation Requirements** Source: *Lexis-Nexis*
SC	Enacted 6/98	Approves regulations of the Department of Education; relates to graduation requirements Title: **HB 5085 - Graduation Requirements** Source: *Lexis-Nexis*
TN	Enacted 4/98	Redesignates subjects to be covered by high school performance tests; requires passage of all required comprehensive assessment tests for graduation Title: **SB 3100 - Assessment** Source: *Lexis-Nexis*
VA	Died 6/98	Adds a requirement of one credit in fine or performing arts for a standard or advanced-studies high school diploma Title: HB **435 - Graduation Requirements** Source: *Lexis-Nexis*
VA	Enacted 4/98	Phases out current Literacy Passport testing requirements as follows: in school year 1997-98, Literacy Passport Test will be administered to students in grades 6, 7 and 8 and to graded students and ungraded students, as applicable, in grades 9 through 12, and to adults and students returning to upgrade a certificate of completion or special diploma to a standard or advanced-studies diploma Title: **SB 120 & HB 409 - Literacy Passport Testing** Source: *Lexis-Nexis*
VA	Died 6/98	Directs Board of Education to establish requirements for standard diploma in vocational/technical studies comprised of 22 credit units; of these units, requires six units to be earned through achievement of passing score on end-of-course assessment based on Standards of Learning for standard diploma in vocational/technical studies Title: **HB 186 - Graduation Requirements** Source: *Lexis-Nexis*
VA	Enacted 3/98	Requires the Board of Education to develop criteria for recognizing exemplary performance in vocational studies and to award seals on the diplomas of students meeting such criteria Title: **HB 63 - Recognition of Exemplary Performance in Vocational Studies** Source: *Lexis-Nexis*
VA	Enacted 4/98	Directs Board of Education, in establishing course and credit requirements for a high school diploma, to provide for the selection of integrated learning courses meeting the Standards of Learning to satisfy graduation credit requirements; provides that no more than one credit each in English, mathematics, laboratory science, and history and social sciences may be earned in this manner Title: **HB 602 - Graduation Requirements** Source: *Lexis-Nexis*
VT	Enacted 4/98	Renames state-certified academic high school diploma the "Governor's Diploma"; establishes standardized academic test results rather than academic achievement as determining eligibility for graduation; requires State Board of Education to develop standards, tests, test procedures Title: SB **234 - Graduation Requirements** Source: *Lexis-Nexis*

STATE	STATUS	SUMMARY
WA	Enacted 3/98	Changes provisions relating to education pathways; directs schools using education pathways to ensure that all adopted pathways provide students with access to appropriate courses and instructions; allows students to enter education pathway of their choice; prohibits schools from developing pathways that retain students in high school beyond the date they are eligible to graduate. Title: **HB 2300 - Educational Pathways** Source: *Lexis-Nexis*

SEXUAL HARASSMENT

STATE	STATUS	SUMMARY
IA	Enacted 5/98	Relates to conditions or circumstances which constitute permissible physical contact between school employees and students; provides "reasonable monetary damages" to any school employee determined in a civil action to have been wrongfully accused of improper physical contact. Title: **HB 2269 - Allowable Physical Contact** Source: Lexis-Nexis

SITE-BASED MANAGEMENT

STATE	STATUS	SUMMARY
FL	Enacted 5/98	Provides additional requirement for school district receipt of lottery funds; provides name requirement for school advisory councils and council responsibilities and duties; amends provision regarding school improvement and education accountability; requires notice of certain deficiency; provides requirements for school improvement plans. Title: **HB 3901 - Advisory Boards** Source: *Lexis-Nexis*

SOCIAL ISSUES

STATE	STATUS	SUMMARY
KY	Enacted 3/98	Creates Parent and Child Education for Family Independence Program; restructures grant programs by Department of Adult Education and Literacy; includes public and private education agencies, postsecondary institutions and other literacy services; requires basic academic, employability and life-skills provision for parents; concerns preschool and at-risk students; allows inclusion of different program types. Title: **HB 86 - Adult Education and Literacy** Source: *Lexis-Nexis*
KY	Enacted 4/98	Restores support services for parents receiving public assistance while participating in education and vocational programs to increase their chance of achieving self-sufficiency; directs Cabinet for Human Resources to file annual report with Interim Joint Committee on Health and Welfare documenting efforts to enable parents to participate in such activities. Title: **HB 434 - Self-Sufficiency** Source: *Lexis-Nexis*

SPECIAL EDUCATION

STATE	STATUS	SUMMARY
AL	Enacted 9/97	Appropriates $4.1 million from Education Trust Fund to State Board of Education for support and maintenance of special programs for special education for fiscal year ending September 30, 1998; requires operations plan and audited financial statement prior to release of any funds. Title: **HB 19 - Special Education Programs** Source: *Lexis-Nexis*
DE	Proposed 6/97	Places funding responsibility for private-placement financial aid for "complex and rare" handicapped persons ages 4-20 entirely on the state. Title: **HB 275 - State Funding for Handicapped** Source: *Lexis-Nexis*

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ID	Enacted 3/98	Provides that a disabled student will be informed of rights that will transfer to him from his parents or guardian upon reaching the age of majority under federal Individuals with Disabilities Education Act; provides when such rights will not be transferred Title: **SB 1293 - Education for Disabled Children** Source: *Lexis-Nexis*
LA	Enacted 5/98	Revises special ed laws to comply with federal Individuals with Disabilities Education Act (IDEA); provides responsibilities of the Department of Education; defines "assistive technology device"; establishes pupil-teacher ratios; relates to child net/ preschool programs Title: **HB 151 - IDEA Compliance** Source: *Lexis-Nexis*
MD	Enacted 4/98	Requires each county school system and the State Department of Education to report on the postsecondary service needs of specified students with developmental disabilities Title: **HB 770 - Reporting Postsecondary Needs** Source: *Lexis-Nexis*
MO	Enacted 6/98	Requires Division of Special Education and the Department of Elementary and Secondary Education conduct a statewide literacy study of blind students and report findings and recommendations, as well as progress in implementing recommendations to governor and general assembly by December 1 of each year Title: **HB 1088 - Literacy of the Blind** Source: *Lexis-Nexis*
MS	Enacted 3/98	Allows any party aggrieved by the findings of a hearing officer in cases concerning the Individuals with Disabilities Education Act (IDEA) to appeal by civil action in any state court with competent jurisdiction Title: **SB 2731 - Appealing IDEA Findings** Source: *Lexis-Nexis*
NH	Died 2/98	Requires the state to pay for special education costs and to make tax information on special education services available to the public Title: **HB 1416 - State Funding of Special Education** Source: *Lexis-Nexis*
NH	Enacted 5/98	Requires Department of Education to publish an annual report of special education statistics detailing certain categories to be analyzed statewide and by individual school districts; makes this report available to legislators, school districts and the general public Title: **HB 1526 - Special Education** Source: *Lexis-Nexis*
NH	Enacted 6/98	Sets deadline for revising interagency agreement on special education and provides guidelines for its reviews Title: **HB 1209 - Interagency Agreement on Special Education** Source: *Lexis-Nexis*
NH	Enacted 6/98	Excludes from special education services children ages 18-21 in adult correctional facility who were not identified as child with disability prior to their incarceration; revises procedure for appointing surrogate parent; requires Department of Education to establish committee to review parental consent requirements and structure of state's due process hearing system; requires that sending districts be notified of court-ordered placements Title: **HB 1597 - Special Education Eligibility** Source: *Lexis-Nexis*
NY	Proposed 6/97	Provides mandate relief to school districts by eliminating the existing notice and reporting requirements for certain students with disabilities who are aging out of the school system Title: **SB 5370 - Notice and Reporting Requirements** Source: *Lexis-Nexis*

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OH	Proposed 7/97	Permits parents of handicapped child to receive tuition credit in the amount of the cost of child's individualized education plan and to enroll the child in another public school or in a chartered nonpublic school Title: **HB 551 - Tuition Credits for Handicapped Children** Source: *Lexis-Nexis*
RI	Enacted 7/98	Eliminates need for nonteacher employees to be licensed as physical therapists or occupational therapists Title: **SB 2591 - Physical Therapist Licenses** Source: *Lexis-Nexis*
SD	Enacted 3/98	Limits the amount of state special education aid for local school districts Title: **HB 1133 - Limits on State Aid** Source: *Lexis-Nexis*
SD	Enacted 3/98	Revises the funding of special education Title: **SB 120 - Special Education Funding** Source: *Lexis-Nexis*
TN	Enacted 4/98	Increases and reorganizes membership of special education advisory council; redefines "child with disabilities" Title: **SB 3092 - Special Education Advisory Council** Source: *Lexis-Nexis*
VA	Enacted 4/98	Clarifies requirements of the infant hearing impairment identification system and requires newborns to be tested; also requires current screening technology of all infants who fail the initial hearing test and any follow-up test; authorizes reporting of information on specific children to the relevant local school division Title: **HB 916 - Infant Hearing Test** Source: *Lexis-Nexis*
VT	Enacted 6/97	Specifies that for FY99, state will reimburse school districts for 60% of all special education expenditures; increases mainstream block grant; calls for Department of Education to review spending in districts with high special education costs and try to find ways to help them decrease this expense; calls for study of low-spending districts to determine if they use cost-effective strategies that could be replicated in other districts Title: **HB 527 - Special Education Reimbursement** Source: *Vermont Legislative Council*
WV	Enacted 4/98	Creates Blind Person's Literacy Rights and Education Act Title: **SB 409 - Rights for the Blind** Source: *Lexis-Nexis*

STANDARDS		
STATE	**STATUS**	**SUMMARY**
AK	Enacted 6/98	Establishes the governor's goal of improving classroom quality with mandatory standards in reading, writing and mathematics; frequent testing of student performance and accountability for every school to do the best possible job educating Alaska's children Title: **SB 36 - Improving Classroom Quality** Source: *Alaska Department of Education*
CA	Enacted 9/97	Requires State Board of Education to adopt statewide academically rigorous content and performance standards in core curriculum areas of reading, writing and mathematics no later than January 1, 1998, and in history/social science and science no later than November 1, 1998; repeals pupil testing incentive program and establishes STAR Program in grades 2-11 Title: **SB 376 - Standards & Assessment** Source: *Association of California School Administrators*

STATE	STATUS	SUMMARY
DE	Enacted 7/97	Establishes criteria for student testing program; establishes design objectives for state assessment program; requires Department of Education to produce recommendations on comprehensive system of accountability; requires students, by 2001-2002 school year, to demonstrate proficiency in mathematics and English/Language Arts to receive high school diploma Title: **SB 182 - Assessment Program** Source: *Lexis-Nexis*
HI	Vetoed 7/98	Mandates inclusion of computer competency and second-language capabilities in the curriculum; requires Department of Education to identify how competency standards for these skills will be established and to set a timeframe for students to meet standards. SB 2211 calls on Department of Education to require that, beginning the year 2000, all pupils completing 8th grade will be computer literate and, beginning the year 2004, all pupils graduating from high school will be competent in a languages other than English Title: **HB 2564 & SB 2211 - Standards for Computers and Second Language** Source: *Lexis-Nexis*
NJ	Died 98	Calls upon State Board of Education to replace language arts standards with English standards adopted by State of Massachusetts Title: **SR 112 - Standards in English** Source: *Lexis-Nexis*
NV	Died 7/97	Requires State Board of Education to establish a task force to develop standards for achieving equitable education opportunity for pupils; authorizes public schools, school districts and sponsors of certain programs to apply for grants to carry out the standards; includes equitable education opportunity for pupils of diverse racial, ethnic and cultural backgrounds, whose primary language is not English or who are disabled, gifted or "at risk." Title: **AB 559 - Standards for Equitable Opportunity** Source: *Lexis-Nexis*
NV	Enacted 7/97	Part of the Nevada Education Reform Act of 1997 — Norm-referenced test at 10th grade, 4th-grade writing test, National Assessment of Education Progress, remediation programs and education technology. Costs for: 10th-grade norm referenced test — 1997-98 $130,000; 1998-99, $85,000; 1th-grade science test — 1998-99,$87,000; reading and math tests-standards linked — 1998-99, $271,500; 4th-grade writing test — 1998-99, $70,000; NAEP Test — 1997-98, $30,000; Standards Council — 1997-98, $23,950; remediation programs in school districts — 1998-99, $3,000,000; department staff member for remediation — 1998-99, $82,100; Education Technology Commission — 1997-98, $14,000; computer/other educational technology — 1996-97, $27,500,000; department staff for educational technology — 1997-98, $81,150 and 1998-99, $84,500. TOTAL — 1996-97, $27,500,000; 1997-98, $279,100; 1998-99, $3,680,100 Title: **SB 482 - Nevada Education Reform Act of 1997 - Costs for Testing & Programs** Source: Nevada Legislative Staff
SC	Died 8/89	Requires school districts to provide enrichment and remediation programs for at-risk students with fewer than 50% of its students achieving the standards score on the basic skills assessment program Title: **HB 4187 & 4188 - Enrichment and Remediation Programs for At-Risk Students** Source: *Lexis-Nexis*
SC	Enacted 6/98	Enacts the South Carolina Performance and Accountability for Excellence in Teaching and Learning Act; establishes grade-specific statewide academic standards for mathematics, English/language arts and science; establishes criteria for assessment, evaluation, rating and accreditation of school and student performance in reference to statewide academic standards; establishes oversight committee to monitor impact of act Title: **SB 850 - Performance Accountability** Source: *Lexis-Nexis*

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VA	Enacted 3/98	Revises Standards of Quality to direct school divisions to incorporate within their programs of instruction for grades K-12 emphasis on technological proficiency; provides that Standards of Learning for math, English, science and history and social science include computer and technology standards for skills to be acquired by end of grades 5 and 8. Title: **HB 1200 - Technology Proficiency** Source: *Lexis-Nexis*
VT	Enacted 6/97	Replaces public school approval standards with more performance-based standards of quality (while retaining some current resource-based standards). Standards include a requirement that schools develop and implement action plans to improve student performance, use statewide assessment methods to measure student performance and report annually on students' performance to their communities; requires commissioner, every two years, to evaluate each school to determine if students are receiving education opportunity equal to that provided in other schools; allows state board to take action to improve performance if school is not meeting standards of quality. Title: **HB 527 - Performance-Based Standards** Source: *Vermont Legislative Council*
WI	Died 8/98	Relates to evaluating pupil academic standards. Title: **SB 456 - Academic Standards** Source: *Lexis-Nexis*

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DE	Died 8/98	Establishes a task force on high school graduation requirements to study and report on the impact of requirements for graduating classes of 1999-2001. Title: **HR 42 - Graduation Requirements** Source: *Lexis-Nexis*
NH	Enacted 5/98	Amends definition of "educational institution" under the New Hampshire Municipal Bond Bank Educational Institutions Bond Financing Act to include any institution which provides education program that is preparatory for secondary, postsecondary or higher education. Title: **HB 1634 - Funding Educational Institutions** Source: *Lexis-Nexis*
NY	Enacted 7/97	Authorizes creation of state debt in the amount of $2.4 billion; enacts School Facility Health and Safety Bond Act of 1997; provides for submission to the voters. Title: **AB 8631 - Authorizing State Debt** Source: *Lexis-Nexis*
NY	Died 12/97	Enacts School Facility Health and Safety Bond Act; authorizes creation of state debt to provide for projects related to construction, expansion and modernization of public school facilities in the amount of $2.4 billion. Title: **Ballot Measure 4 - School Facilities** Source: *Lexis-Nexis*
OH	Died 8/98	Proposes constitutional amendment to establish that general assembly members have exclusive responsibility to determine what constitutes a thorough-and-efficient system of common schools. Title: **HJR 17 - State Governance of Schools** Source: *Lexis-Nexis*
SC	Died 8/98	Proposes constitutional amendment relating to the system of free public schools; provides that general assembly will provide for the manner in which funding of all public school districts must be equalized. Title: **HB 4287 - Free Public Schools in the State** Source: *Lexis-Nexis*

STUDENT AID		
STATE	**STATUS**	**SUMMARY**
GA	Enacted 4/98	Provides criteria for eligibility and ineligibility for HOPE grants, HOPE scholarships, HOPE GED vouchers, HOPE teachers' scholarships and PROMISE teachers' scholarships Title: **HB 1556 - HOPE-PROMISE** Source: *Lexis-Nexis*
MO	Enacted 7/98	Creates Advantage Missouri Program; provides loans to and establishes loan forgiveness program for students in approved education programs who become employed in occupational areas of high demand in Missouri; creates accompanying trust fund; grants income tax credits of up to 50% for contributions to the fund; provides Higher Education Savings Program and tax deductions for contributions; provides surviving spouse of law enforcement scholarship Title: **HB 1694 - Advantage Missouri Program** Source: *Lexis-Nexis*
SC	Died 8/98	Establishes Legislative Incentives for Future Excellence Scholarships under which the state will provide merit-based scholarships to cover the cost of attendance up to specified limits for eligible resident students attending accredited public or independent two-year and four-year institutions of higher learning and technical colleges Title: **HB 4370 - Student Aid** Source: *Lexis-Nexis*
SC	Enacted 6/98	Establishes legislative incentives for Future Excellence (Life) Scholarships under which the state shall provide scholarships to cover the cost of attendance up to specified limits to eligible resident students attending accredited public or independent two-year and four-year institutions of higher learning and technical colleges Title: **HB 4535 - Future Excellence (Life) Scholarships** Source: *Lexis-Nexis*
VT	Died 5/98	Establishes a HOPE Scholarship program to provide financial aid to 12 postsecondary students who are Vermont residents and who maintain at least a B average in secondary and postsecondary schools; establishes Powerball game and dedicates the revenues to the HOPE Scholarship Fund Title: **HB 662 - HOPE Scholarship Program** Source: *Lexis-Nexis*

STUDENTS		
STATE	**STATUS**	**SUMMARY**
AZ	Enacted 5/98	States the court must notify school districts of residence when juveniles are delinquent or convicted and are on parole and attending school; allows elementary and high schools to request from the court the criminal history of individual students to determine if a student has been adjudicated delinquent or convicted of a dangerous offense; states information that a school receives must be available to teachers, parents or guardians upon request Title: **SB 1395 - Notice of Delinquency** Source: *Lexis-Nexis*
DE	Enacted 7/97	Provides authority to local school superintendents to issue subpoenas to compel parents, custodians or guardians of students to attend school-parent conferences; restructures present school crime reporting statute to include violent felonies and some sex crimes to the list of crimes that must be reported; makes superintendent or designee the person responsible for filing criminal charges when a school employee is the victim Title: **HB 322 - Crime Reporting** Source: *Lexis-Nexis*
DE	Enacted 7/98	Requires Department of Education to establish requirements or minimum standards for promotion, including passing 50% of core classes, including English or its equivalent class, each year Title: **HB 470 - Student Promotion Standards** Source: *Lexis-Nexis*

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FL	Enacted 6/97	Requires any student who exhibits substantial deficiency in reading skills, based on locally determined assessments conducted before the end of grades 1-3 or on teacher recommendation, to be given intensive reading instruction immediately following identification of the deficiency; requires reassessment of students' reading proficiency at beginning of the grade following the intensive reading instruction and, if needed, continued provision of intensive reading instruction until the deficiency is remedied; requires retention of student who does not score acceptable level by end of grade 2 or 3 or on the statewide assessment test in reading and writing; allows local school board to exempt a student from mandatory retention for good cause. Became law without governor's signature Title: **FL 232.245 - Reading Deficiencies** Source: *Lexis-Nexis*
FL	Enacted 5/98	Requires Department of Children and Family Services to notify school superintendent of any juvenile with known history of sexual behavior with other juveniles or who has been convicted of certain specified sexual offenses; makes it a 2nd-degree misdemeanor for school district employees to disclose such information to unauthorized persons Title: **SB 1796 - Juvenile Sex Offenders** Source: *Lexis-Nexis*
ID	Enacted 3/98	Allows for enrollment to be denied to a student for certain acts committed in this or any other state; requires parent or guardian of student transferring from another state, if requested, to furnish copies of student records, including those containing information about violent or disruptive behavior or disciplinary action involving the student Title: **HB 710 - School Attendance** Source: *Lexis-Nexis*
IL	Enacted 97	Requires decisions to promote or retain students in on successful completion of curriculum, attendance, performance on Illinois goals and assessment program tests, Iowa test of basic skills or other test; or any other criteria established by school board; requires students determined not qualified for promotion to the next higher grade to be provided remedial assistance, which may include, but not be limited to, summer bridge program of no less than 90 hours, tutorial sessions, increased or concentrated instructional time, modifications to instructional materials and retention in grade Title: **Public Act 90-548, Sec. 5-15 - Promotion, Retention** Source: *Lexis-Nexis*
KY	Enacted 3/98	Clarifies that local school districts may establish standards of behavior that students must demonstrate to participate in extracurricular and co-curricular activities, including athletics; provides for termination of eligibility of student who violates these rules; allows suspension of student's participation until allegation that a violation has occurred has been resolved Title: **HB 185 - Standards of Behavior** Source: *Lexis-Nexis*
LA	Enacted 97	Requires emphasis on student mastery of grade-appropriate skills in English language arts and mathematics before recommendations are made for student's promotion or placement Title: **La. R.S. 17:396 - Student Promotion** Source: *Louisiana Revised Statutes*
MD	Enacted 5/98	Adds student's home address and home phone number to list that custodian of school records is prohibited from making available to the public Title: **SB 723 - Student Records** Source: *Lexis-Nexis*
MI	Proposed 6/97	Exempts disclosure of certain information regarding K-12 students from the Freedom of Information Act (FIA) Title: **HB 4973 - Disclosure Under FIA** Source: *Lexis-Nexis*

STATE	STATUS	SUMMARY
MN	Died 5/98	Requires graduation rules ensure students satisfactorily complete applicable requirements; establishes a task force to examine social promotion Title: **HB 3554 - Graduation Requirement** Source: *Lexis-Nexis*
MS	Died 5/98	Authorizes home-school students to participate in public school interscholastic activities under certain conditions Title: **SB 2051 & SB 2060 - Home Student Participation in Public School Activities** Source: *Lexis-Nexis*
NJ	Died 98	Requires school principals to report certain student offenses to law enforcement agencies Title: **AB 3259 - Reporting Student Offenses** Source: *Lexis-Nexis*
NJ	Died 98	Authorizes school boards to adopt policy to test student athletes for drugs Title: **SB 2314 & SB 2319 - Drug Testing of Athletes** Source: *Lexis-Nexis*
NV	Enacted 7/97	Requires courts to provide to school districts information regarding pupils who have unlawfully caused or attempted to cause serious bodily injury to another person Title: **AB 518 - Requiring Disclosure of Attempts at Bodily Harm** Source: *Lexis-Nexis*
NV	Enacted 97	Requires state board to adopt regulations that establish the criteria for students to be promoted from middle school to high school Title: **HB 376 - Promotion Criteria** Source: *Nevada State Board of Education*
NY	Proposed 6/97	Establishes guidelines for drug testing of students; requires State Education Department to promulgate rules and regulations pertaining to drug testing students in districts that voluntarily implement such a program Title: **SB 339/AB 495 - Student Drug Testing** Source: *New York State School Boards Association*
OH	Died 8/98	Requires board of education to adopt a grade promotion and retention policy that prohibits promotion of a student to the next grade level if he or she has been truant for more than 10% of the required school attendance days and has failed two or more subject areas, unless student's principal and teachers agree the student is academically prepared to be promoted Title: **SB 135 - Promotion Requirements** Source: *Ohio School Boards Association*
OH	Enacted 8/97	Beginning with students who enter 4th grade in the 2001-2002 school year, prohibits promotion to 5th grade of any student who fails to attain designated score on prescribed reading test, unless student was excused or principal and reading teacher agree pupil is academically prepared; requires district to offer intense remediation services during the summer to students identified as reading below grade level at end of 3rd grade; requires district to offer another opportunity to take the test to students who enter 4th grade after July 1, 2001, and who do not attain designated score by year's end Title: **3313.608 4th-Grade Reading Guarantee** Source:
OH	Enacted 8/97	Allows to retain for an additional year in student's current grade level any student who has failed to attain designated scores on three or more of five tests described in division (A)(1) or (2) of section 3301.0710 of the Revised Code Title: **SB 55 - Student Retention** Source: *Lexis-Nexis*

STATE	STATUS	SUMMARY
OK	Enacted 7/97	Requires school district boards to adopt policy and procedures which provide for out-of-school suspension of students, prohibits out-of-school suspension from extending beyond current and succeeding semester, except for firearms possession on school property, provides that no public school in the state will be required to provide education services in the regular school setting to any student who has been adjudicated delinquent for certain offenses, requires school districts to provide education plan for students suspended out of school for more than five days, with such plan designed to eventually reintegrate the student into school; specifies plan will provide only core units in which student is enrolled and address academic credit for work satisfactorily completed, provides that, upon out-of-school suspension, parent or guardian will be responsible for monitoring student's education progress until student is readmitted to school, prohibits student suspended for violent offense against classroom teacher from returning to teacher's classroom without approval of that teacher, allows school district to inspect a student's confidential record without court order if child is enrolled at that school, allows school district to disclose education records to a court to determine the court's ability to serve a child, allows suspension for possession of wireless telecommunications devices Title: **HB 2130 - Out-Of-School Suspension** Source: *Oklahoma State School Boards Association*
SC	Enacted 7/98	Makes it unlawful to threaten the life, person or family of any public employee, revises penalties for violation, relates to school crimes involving drugs or weapons and defines weapon Title: **HB 4804 - Threats, Probation** Source: *Lexis-Nexis*
TN	Died 8/98	Creates special house committee to study issues relative to relationships among administrators, teachers and students, and the admission and retention of students in public schools Title: **HR 89 - Teacher-Student Relationships, Admission and Retention** Source: *Lexis-Nexis*
TX	Enacted 97	Provides incentives for school districts that admit students transferring from low-performing schools in other districts, in addition to normal formula allotments for each student accepted, receiving districts will get an extra 10% of basic allotment (about $267), makes districts eligible for additional facility funding if number of students accepted is at least 1% of district's prior year average daily attendance, requires students in summer remedial classes to demonstrate subject-matter proficiency and meet summer school attendance requirements to progress to next grade Title: **Budget** Source: *Southern Regional Education Board Legislative Report*
VA	Enacted 4/98	Directs school boards to expel from school any student whom the board has determined, in accordance with existing due process requirements, to have brought drugs onto school property or to a school-sponsored activity Title: **HB 1343 - Expulsion** Source: *Lexis-Nexis*
VA	Enacted 4/98	Provides that students for whom a report has been received of an adjudication of delinquency or a conviction may be suspended or expelled from school; requires court clerks to notify relevant school division superintendent when a juvenile is convicted or adjudicated delinquent of certain violent or serious crimes such as arson, homicide or felonious assault Title: **SB 362 - Student Expulsion** Source: *Lexis-Nexis*
VA	Enacted 4/97	Establishes requirements for a Literacy Passport for all students prior to grade 9 and criteria for diplomas and certificates, encourages school boards to use pre-test for 4th graders, students, to be classified as 9th graders or above, must obtain Literacy Passport, to remain classified as 9th graders or above; students with limited English proficiency must achieve passing scores on the first literacy tests administered after three years of school enrollment Title: **22.1-253.13:4 - Literacy Passports, Diplomas and Certificates** Source: *Code of Virginia*

STATE	STATUS	SUMMARY
WA	Died 5/98	Retains students who do not meet school assessment requirements at the current grade Title: **HB 3040 - Student Retention** Source: *Lexis-Nexis*
WI	Died 4/98	Relates to information received by a school official regarding student use of alcohol or other drugs Title: **AB 429 - Alcohol and Drug Use** Source: *Lexis-Nexis*
WI	Enacted 7/98	Relates to authorizing the search of a pupil's locker Title: **AB 715 - Student Locker Search** Source: *Lexis-Nexis*

SUBSTANCE ABUSE		
STATE	**STATUS**	**SUMMARY**
AL	Enacted 5/98	Provides appropriation to Peers Are Staying Straight (PASS) for program to provide drug abuse education and tutoring services Title: **HB 349 - Drug Abuse Education** Source: *Lexis-Nexis*
CO	Enacted 3/98	Prohibits school district boards from adopting exemptions against use of tobacco on school property and invalidates exemptions previously granted Title: **HB 1139 - Tobacco Prohibition** Source: *Lexis-Nexis*
KY	Enacted 4/98	Establishes trust and revolving account consisting of 1% of the excise and wholesale taxes imposed on malt beverages; requires monies to be paid on matching basis to Malt Beverage Educational Fund to combat underage drinking by purchase of education materials and programs Title: **SB 207 - Alcohol Tax** Source: *Lexis-Nexis*
MS	Died 5/98	Requires all public high schools to teach African-American history and all public school to offer drug and alcohol education Title: **HB 219 - Drug & Alcohol Education** Source: *Lexis-Nexis*
NJ	Died 98	Authorizes school boards to adopt policy to test student athletes for drugs Title: **SB 2314 & SB 2319 - Testing Athletes for Drugs** Source: *Lexis-Nexis*

SUPERINTENDENT		
STATE	**STATUS**	**SUMMARY**
LA	Enacted 5/98	Limits city or parish (county) school superintendent term to no longer than 180 days after terms of the board members electing the superintendent expire; relates to salaries, teacher tenure certifications and promotions Title: **HB 125 - Term Limits** Source: *Lexis-Nexis*

TEACHER CERTIFICATION		
STATE	**STATUS**	**SUMMARY**
AZ	Enacted 5/98	Provides for background investigations and fingerprinting of school employees; allows State Department of Education to pass otherwise confidential information about a teacher's illegal or improper conduct to school district where the person works; requires school boards to adopt procedures for criminal background checks of noncertified employees; makes it illegal to fire, transfer, officially criticize, etc. a person who reports unprofessional conduct. Title: **SB 1101 - Background Checking** Source: *Lexis-Nexis*
CA	Enacted 6/97	Prohibits school districts from employing anyone — whether in a certificated or classified position — who has been convicted of a violent or otherwise serious felony. Title: **AB 1612 - Prohibition on Employing Felons** Source: *Association of California School Administrators*
CA	Enacted 9/97	Prohibits school entities from hiring any person in a noncertificated position who has not had his or her fingerprints submitted to the Department of Justice for a criminal background check; requires any entity that has a contract with a school district to certify in writing that none of its employees who may come in contact with pupils has been convicted of a violent or otherwise serious felony. Title: **AB 1610 - Criminal Background Check** Source: *Association of California School Administrators*
CO	Enacted 3/98	Changes the definition of "substitute teacher" by eliminating current cumulative limit of 110 regular school days worked. Title: **HB 1071 - Substitute Teacher** Source: *Colorado Association of School Board*
FL	Enacted 5/98	Revises requirements for qualifying to receive temporary teaching certificate; authorizes State Board of Education to adopt rules defining "standard institution"; authorizes education commissioner to make decisions regarding granting certification to applicant in extenuating circumstances not otherwise provided for; deletes provisions for having noncertificated teachers in critical teacher shortage areas. Title: **SB 2000 - Teacher Certification** Source: *Lexis-Nexis*
KY	Enacted 4/98	Declares general assembly's intent to provide alternative certification options to recruit persons with exceptional work experience, distinguished scholars and persons with diverse experiences to enter teaching even though they have not participated in a traditional teacher preparation program; outlines four options, including certification of a person with exceptional work experience and certification through a local district training program. Title: **SB 265 - Alternative Certification** Source: *Lexis-Nexis*
MO	Enacted 6/98	Changes teacher certification requirements; revises disciplinary actions and provides for certification for out-of-state teaching; provides for background checks by the State Board of Education; provides for refusal to issue or renew based on proof of incompetency, cruelty, immorality, drunkenness or neglect of duty; relates to criminal charges and convictions, including rape, incest and murder. Title: **HB 1469 - Teacher Certification** Source: *Lexis-Nexis*
MS	Died 5/98	Authorizes criminal history background checks for public school teacher applicants; prohibits persons determined to be guilty of a felony from teaching in public schools; provides immunity to school districts and school district employees regarding certain employment decisions. Title: **SB 2034 - Criminal Background Checks** Source: *Lexis-Nexis*

STATE	STATUS	SUMMARY
MS	Enacted 3/98	Authorizes school districts to enter into conditional contracts for teaching positions with persons anticipating graduation or licensure, requires that such contracts include a provision that the contract shall be voided on the nonoccurrence of the event upon which the contract is conditioned Title **HB 309 - Conditional Contracts** Source *Lexis-Nexis*
MS	Died 5/98	Authorizes nonlicensed teachers to teach on a full-time basis, authorizes such teachers to assist licensed personnel for the purpose of decreasing school violence, increases the percentage of nonlicensed teachers allowed in a single school Title **HB 269 - Nonlicensed Teachers** Source *Lexis-Nexis*
NC	Enacted 6/97	Preservice Training — Requires, beginning in the 1998-99 school year, all North Carolina institutions of higher education offering teacher education or Masters degree programs to provide performance reports to the state board. The performance reports shall include information on topics such as the quality of students entering schools of education, average scores on certification, percentage of graduates hired as teachers, percentage of graduates remaining in teaching after four years, and graduate and employer satisfaction. Initial Certification, Continuing Certification, Certificate Renewal, Professional Development — Encourages the state board to continue making the initial certification exam more rigorous. Beginning July 1, 1998, continuing certification will require three, instead of two years of teaching experience. The state board shall enhance the requirements for continuing certification and certificate renewal to reflect more rigorous standards aligned with quality professional development programs that reflect state priorities for improving student achievement. Professional development programs offered through The University of North Carolina shall reflect state priorities for improving student achievement. "Masters/Advanced Competencies" Certification — Allows the state board to develop a "Masters/Advanced Competencies" certificate to replace the Master's degree certificate beginning September 1, 2000. Salary Differential Plan for "Masters/Advanced Competencies" and NBPTS Certification — Aims at enacting a salary schedule for the 1997-98 school year, to give teachers who obtain National Board for Professional Teaching Standards certification a 12% salary increase. Also sets the goal of enacting a salary schedule plan by the year 2000 to give teachers an 10% salary increase for gaining "Masters/Advanced Competencies" certification Title **The Excellent Schools Act - Preservice Training** Source *Legis. Education Staff Network-Kory J. Goldsmith, North Carolina Research Division*
NC	Enacted 6/98	Implements the recommendations of the Joint Legislative Education Oversight Committee to revise the teacher competency testing provisions of the excellent schools act Title **SB 1126 - Teacher Competency Testing** Source *Lexis-Nexis*
NH	Enacted 6/98	Creates the educational credential of master teacher which allows properly certified teachers to mentor, supervise and evaluate other teachers, under the supervision of building principal, clarifies procedures for background criminal checks for school employees, allows a governing body to decide if an application for school employment may be denied if a person has been convicted of a felony Title **HB 1226 - Teacher Certification** Source *Lexis-Nexis*
NY	Proposed 6/97	Makes criminal background and child abuse registry review a condition of teacher certification, establishes procedures for reporting and investigating child abuse in an education setting, makes the statewide central register of child abuse and maltreatment database the subject of background checks and the entity to which allegations are reported Title **SB 2726 & AB 4519 - Criminal Background** Source *New York State School Boards Association*
OK	Died 8/98	Relates to schools and teacher competency examinations; prohibits assessment of competency in professional education Title **HB 2678 - Teacher Certification** Source *Lexis-Nexis*

STATE	STATUS	SUMMARY
OK	Enacted 7/97	Allows school districts to contract with outside providers for the training and employment of substitute teachers. Title: **HB 1904 - Substitute Teacher Training Contracts** Source: *Lexis-Nexis*
SC	Enacted	Outlines State Board of Education duties regarding teacher education programs, teacher examinations, and teacher evaluation and training procedures; requires board to develop and implement a plan for the continuous evaluation and upgrading of standards for undergraduate and graduate education training programs; adopt basic skills exam in reading, writing and math that is suitable for applicants to undergraduate teacher education programs and use nationally recognized teaching exam to determine competencies for initial job assignments; covers induction programs and provisional contracts. Title: **SB 559 - Teacher Education Standards** Source: *National Conference of State Legislatures*
TN	Enacted 5/98	Specifies that a person who holds a license as a probationary teacher before June 30, 1998, will be entitled to receive a professional teacher's license with renewal upon request if the person has a doctoral degree in education. Title: **HB 2428 - Teacher Licensing** Source: *Lexis-Nexis*
TN	Enacted 3/98	Revises requirements of test to be completed by persons wishing to teach. Title: **SB 2522 - Teacher Testing** Source: *Lexis-Nexis*
VA	Enacted 3/98	Requires, as condition of employment in accredited private or parochial school, applicants seeking employment for the first time after July 1, 1998, to submit to fingerprinting and provide criminal records information; allows governing board or administrator of accredited private or parochial school employing or previously employing a temporary teacher to disseminate information as to whether or not the teacher meets employment criteria. Title: **HB 859 - Employment Criteria** Source: *Lexis-Nexis*
WA	Died 5/98	Establishes teacher assessments for certification. Title: **SB 6407 - Teacher Certification** Source: *Lexis-Nexis*
WY	Enacted 3/98	Relates to national certification of teachers; provides incentives for national certification; provides a mentoring and consulting program for national certification. Title: **SB 77 - National Certification of Teachers** Source: *Lexis-Nexis*

TEACHER COMPENSATION		
STATE	**STATUS**	**SUMMARY**
AL	Enacted 5/98	Provides 8.5% cost-of-living adjustments for certain public education employees, beginning 1998-99 fiscal year; requires revision of state salary matrix for certified personnel; requires adjustments on local salary schedules to reflect adjustments provided. Title: **HB 237 - Cost-of-Living Adjustment** Source: *Lexis-Nexis*
MD	Enacted 4/98	Authorizes Department of Budget and Management to establish and run Institutional Educator Pay Plan; requires secretary of department to recommend salaries in the plan; creates advisory committee to review secretary's recommendations. Title: **HB 389 - Institutional Educator Pay Plan** Source: *Lexis-Nexis*

STATE	STATUS	SUMMARY
MS	Died 5/98	Increases teachers' salaries to the southeastern average; increases allotment for supportive services under the Minimum Education Program. Title: **HB 201 - Teacher Compensation** Source: *Lexis-Nexis*
NC	Enacted 6/97	Raises standards for preservice, initial certification, continuing certification and certificate renewal; increase salaries for teachers with goal of reaching a starting salary of $25,000 for teachers with bachelors' degrees by the year 2000; provides substantial salary increases for National Board of Professional Teaching Standards certification, with those teachers earning $53,000 by the year 2000; requires testing of all certified staff members in low-performing schools that receive assistance teams; provides for two rounds of remediation and retesting, with teachers who continue to fail dismissed; calls for future testing of certified staff in low-performing schools; revises procedure for dismissing tenured teachers; extends teachers' probationary period from three to four years; requires performance reports from schools of education and master's programs in school administration and education; provides for additional professional development opportunities; provides school-based incentives for expected improvements. Title: **SB 272 - The Excellent Schools Act** Source: *National Conference of State Legislatures*
NC	Enacted 6/97	Aims at providing additional salary for mentor teachers; paying newly certified teachers for three extra days of orientation and classroom preparation; apportioning funds for teacher participation in professional development programs that are in compliance with state education goals; allocating resources to pay teachers for working on vacation days and additional workdays and for filling additional assignments. Title: **Excellent Schools Act - Extra Teacher Pay** Source: *Legis. Educ. Staff Network-Kory Goldsmith, NC Research Division*
OK	Enacted 97	Provides $1.6 billion for elementary and secondary education, an increase of 6%, including $1.5 billion for the school funding formula; allocates $31.6 million to offset part of the contributions teachers pay to the retirement system based on years of experience; expands minimum teacher salary schedule from 15 to 25 steps, increasing minimum pay for teacher with 25 years of experience from $29,092 to $32,412. (Legislature previously increased beginning teacher pay by $9,000 to $24,060 in a five-year effort that was part of 1990 reform legislation.) Title: **State Budgets** Source: *Southern Regional Education Board Legislative Report*
WV	Enacted 4/98	Relates to the pay raise supplemental appropriations for teachers. Title: **SB 1000 - Teacher Pay Raises** Source: *Lexis-Nexis*

TEACHER CONTRACTS

STATE	STATUS	SUMMARY
AZ	Enacted 5/98	Changes amount of time a school board must give a teacher to correct an "inadequacy in classroom performance" before it can fire him or her to "not less than 85 instructional days" from "one full semester." Title: **HB 2295 - Probationary Periods** Source: *Lexis-Nexis*
CO	Enacted 4/98	Reduces the length of a teacher dismissal hearing from 10 days to six days (three each side); requires parties to attend prehearing conference for the purpose of further limiting, to the extent possible, the length of the hearing; limits maximum number of witnesses limited to 10 for each side; shortens maximum period for which a suspended teacher may receive pay from 120 days to 100 days; includes disincentive to appeal a dismissal case. Title: **HB 1090 - Teacher Dismissal** Source: *Lexis-Nexis*

STATE	STATUS	SUMMARY
DE	Died 98	Allows school employees to use accrued sick leave for absences because of a serious illness of an immediate family member; creates donated leave program Title: **HB 305 - Sick Leave** Source: *Lexis-Nexis*
FL	Enacted 5/98	Provides that specified general law supersedes special acts applicable to Duval County regarding school district personnel; provides certain employees to retain rights under special acts Title: **HB 3651 - Personnel** Source: *Lexis-Nexis*
KY	Enacted 4/98	Relates to higher education employees; provides for a post-tenure review Title: **SB 11 - Post-tenure Review** Source: *Lexis-Nexis*
LA	Died 98	Adds failure to achieve the standard required for satisfactory performance on an employer-established evaluation as a cause to terminate a permanent school employee Title: **SB 1563 - Termination for Failure to Meet Performance Standards** Source: *Lexis-Nexis*
MI	Enacted 7/96	Relates to allocating state funds to support professional development and education; requires school districts to provide sabbatical leaves for up to one academic year for selected master teachers who aid in professional development Title: **380.1525 - Sabbatical Leaves** Source: *Michigan Compiled Laws*
MS	Died 5/98	Requires school districts to provide certified employees with reasons for nonreemployment along with any nonrenewal notice Title: **SB 2043 - Reason for Nonreemployment** Source: *Lexis-Nexis*
NC	Enacted 6/97	Raises standards for preservice, initial certification, continuing certification and certificate renewal; increase salaries for teachers with goal of reaching a starting salary of $25,000 for teachers with bachelors' degrees by the year 2000; provides substantial salary increases for National Board of Professional Teaching Standards certification, with those teachers earning $53,000 by the year 2000; requires testing of all certified staff members in low-performing schools that receive assistance teams; provides for two rounds of remediation and retesting, with teachers who continue to fail dismissed; calls for future testing of certified staff in low-performing schools; revises procedure for dismissing tenured teachers; extends teachers' probationary period from three to four years; requires performance reports from schools of education and master's programs in school administration and education; provides for additional professional development opportunities; provides school-based incentives for expected improvements Title: **SB 272 - The Excellent Schools Act** Source: *National Conference of State Legislatures*
NC	Enacted 6/97	Requires State Board of Education to revise performance standards for evaluating professional public school employees to include standards and criteria reflecting student achievement, employee skills and employee knowledge; requires probationary teachers to be observed three times annually by a school administrator and once annually by a teacher and an administrator; effective July 1, 1998, extends probationary period for a teacher from three to four years; cuts time required for employee dismissal procedure by almost half Title: **Excellent Schools Act - Evaluations, Career Status, Dismissal** Source: *Legis. Educ. Staff Network-Kory Goldsmith, NC Research Division*

STATE	STATUS	SUMMARY
NC	Enacted 6/97	Requires certified staff members employed in the lowest-performing schools to take a general knowledge test, with those who do not pass required to engage in a program of study and remediation; requires dismissal proceedings against staff member who fails the general knowledge test three times; requires, by the year 2000, certified staff members in all low-performing schools to take either a general knowledge or an area of certification competency test; requires state board to develop a plan to create rigorous student performance standards for grades K-8 and courses in grades 9-12 that align, when possible, with National Assessment of Educational Progress standards; calls for plan to include clear and understandable methods of reporting student performance to parents Title: **Excellent Schools Act - General Knowledge Tests, etc.** Source: *Legis. Educ. Staff Network-Kory Goldsmith, NC Research Division*
NH	Vetoed 6/98	Designates State Board of Education review of a teacher's contract as the exclusive remedy in cases where a teacher is not renominated or reelected; limits this review to procedural review; prohibits teacher's grievance based on failure to be renominated or reselected from being subject to binding arbitration Title: **HB 1414 - Teacher Contracts** Source: *Lexis-Nexis*
NJ	Enacted 6/8	Provides for expedited hearing process in teacher tenure cases Title: **SB 87 - Hearing Process** Source: *Lexis-Nexis*
OR	Enacted 8/97	Gives school districts greater control over the quality of instruction; requires current and new teachers to be employed on renewable two-year contracts; makes available an expedited appeals process and professional assistance program to any teacher whose contract is allowed to expire; to encourage boards to terminate low-performing teachers; calls for state to reimburse school boards for all appeal and/or dismissal costs; allows boards, during forced layoffs, to use competency criteria rather than seniority lists; requires State Board of Education to develop system for identifying successful school and dispensing appropriate awards for improved achievement Title: **SB 880 - Incentive Rewards** Source: *Lexis-Nexis*
SD	Enacted 3/98	Clarifies provisions relating to teacher contracts and declares an emergency Title: **HB 1134 - Teacher Contracts** Source: *Lexis-Nexis*
TN	Enacted 4/98	Relates to duties assigned to superintendents; provides for written notice and opportunity for hearing prior to dismissal of licensed, nontenured school employees Title: **SB 2313 - Employee Dismissal** Source: *Lexis-Nexis*
TN	Enacted 4/98	Requires employment, transfer, suspension, nonrenewal and dismissal of all school personnel to be in accordance with budget, applicable law, board policies and local negotiated agreements Title: **SB 2172 - Personnel** Source: *Lexis-Nexis*
UT	Enacted 3/98	Provides consistency in dismissal procedures for career and provisional public school employees Title: **SB 95 - Dismissal Procedures** Source: *Lexis-Nexis*
VA	Proposed 1/98	Allows school boards to adopt a five-year probationary term of service and procedures for establishing an alternative continuing contract employment process requiring teachers and administrators to apply for continuing contract status Title: SB **122 - Probationary Term** Source: *Lexis-Nexis*

STATE	STATUS	SUMMARY
VA	Vetoed 4/98	Requires school board to make written contract with each person employed on a full-time or part-time basis for at least 10 months or not required to hold a license issued by the Board of Education; requires written notice of the offer be given to these persons not more than 10 days after the first regular school board meeting following adoption of the school board budget by the appropriate body. Title: **HB 647 - Written Contracts** Source: *Lexis-Nexis*
VT	Enacted 4/98	Relates to a probationary period for new teachers. Title: **SB 248 - Probationary Period** Source: *Lexis-Nexis*
WA	Enacted 97	Modifies probation provisions for certified employees, including assignment during probationary period and reassignment following a probationary period that does not produce desired changes. Title: **SB 5340 - Employee Probationary Period** Source: *National Conference of State Legislatures*
WV	Enacted 4/98	Removes Education and Public Employees Board from the Department of Administration; provides expedited grievance processes; expands board jurisdiction; changes default provisions; gives the board procedural jurisdiction at levels two and three; allows mediation at the request of any party; allows appeals to be filed in circuit court. Title: **HB 4314 - Employee Board** Source: *Lexis-Nexis*

TEACHER EDUCATION		
STATE	**STATUS**	**SUMMARY**
CA	Enacted 9/97	Requires, beginning January 1, 2000, candidates for preliminary teaching credentials to demonstrate basic competency in using computers in the classroom. Title: **AB 1023 - Computer Competency** Source: *Association of California School Administrators*
MD	Enacted 5/98	Requires state institutions of higher education that offer teacher training programs to be certified by national accreditation organizations, with some exceptions; requires Maryland Department of Education to develop and administer a program of technical assistance in connection with the accreditation program. Title: **HB 733 - Training Program Certification** Source: *Lexis-Nexis*
NH	Died 8/98	Authorizes the State Board of Education to adopt rules on teacher education programs, teacher certification fees and recertification standards. Title: **HB 1175 - Teacher Education** Source: *Lexis-Nexis*
UT	Enacted 2/98	Recognizes the importance of teacher preparation and professional development programs; encourages the Joint Liaison Committee and its advisory task force to continue to bring recommendations to the legislature for laws or policies to improve those programs. Title: **HCR 3 - Teacher Preparation** Source: *Lexis-Nexis*

TEACHER EVALUATION		
STATE	**STATUS**	**SUMMARY**
CO	Enacted 4/98	Establishes, as amended, requirements for principal and administrator preparation and other evaluator training programs; states that current administrators do not need to be "retrained"; requires each school district's performance evaluation system to include two documented observations and one written evaluation per year for probationary teachers and one observation each year and one written evaluation every three years for nonprobationary teachers; requires one of the standards for measuring teacher performance to be related to classroom instruction and include multiple measures of student performance. Title: HB **1089 - Teacher Evaluation** Source: *Lexis-Nexis*
KY	Enacted 3/98	Permits a local school district to ask the Board of Education to waive administrative regulations and guidelines relating to evaluation of certified employees so as to allow a district to adopt a three-phase plan that provides two main categories of evaluation: evaluation for professional growth and evaluation for deficiency linked by a transition phase. Title: **HB 396 - Employee Evaluation** Source: *Lexis-Nexis*
KY	Enacted 4/98	Requires that any reference to criminal allegations against a teacher be removed from the teacher's personnel file if he or she is found not guilty or the charges are dismissed or if the allegations did not lead to formal charges. Title: **SB 242 - Personnel Files** Source: *Lexis-Nexis*
NC	Enacted 6/97	Requires the State Board of Education to revise performance standards for evaluating professional public school employees to include standards and criteria reflecting student achievement, employee skill and employee knowledge; requires probationary teachers to be observed three times annually by a school administrator and once annually by a teacher and an administrator; effective July 1, 1998, extends probationary period for a teacher extended from three to four years; cuts almost by half the time required for the employee dismissal procedure. Title: **Excellent Schools Act - Evaluations, Career Status, Dismissal** Source: *Legis. Educ. Staff Network-Kory Goldsmith, NC Research Division*
NH	Died 8/98	Establishes a teacher improvement and evaluation program. Title: **HB 1230 - Teacher Evaluation** Source: *Lexis-Nexis*
SC	Enacted 6/98	Approves regulations of the Department of Education; relates to evaluation of teachers employed under provisional contracts. Title: **HB 4865 - Teacher Evaluation** Source: *Lexis-Nexis*
VA	Vetoed 4/98	Requires Board of Education to develop guidelines for evaluating probationary teachers, including ongoing supervision, interim evaluation and goal setting; implements evaluation processes consistent with these guidelines; uses evaluation results in awarding continuing contracts. Title: **HB 914 - Probationary Teacher Evaluations** Source: *Lexis-Nexis*

TEACHER MENTORS/INDUCTION		
STATE	**STATUS**	**SUMMARY**
NC	Enacted 6/97	Calls for newly certified teachers to have a qualified mentor; requires State Board of Education to develop guidelines for local boards of education which address issues related to working conditions for new teachers. Title: **Excellent Schools Act - Mentor and Orientation Program** Source: *Legis. Educ. Staff Network-Kory Goldsmith, NC Research Division*

STATE	STATUS	SUMMARY
NH	Enacted 6/98	Creates educational credential of master teacher which allows properly certified teachers to mentor, supervise and evaluate other teachers under the supervision of a building principal Title: **HB 1226 - Master Teacher Credential** Source: *Lexis-Nexis*
SC	Enacted	Outlines State Board of Education duties regarding teacher education program, teacher examinations, and teacher evaluation and training procedures; requires state board to develop and implement a plan for the continuous evaluation and upgrading of standards for undergraduate and graduate education training programs, adopt a basic skills exam in reading, writing and math that is suitable for applicants to undergraduate teacher education programs and use nationally recognized teaching exam to determine competencies for initial job assignments; covers induction programs and provisional contracts Title: **SB 559 - Teacher Training and Evaluation** Source: *National Conference of State Legislatures*

TEACHER PROFESSION/STANDARDS

STATE	STATUS	SUMMARY
AR	Enacted 3/97	Provides a new salary schedule; states that a teacher with a master's degree and 15 years experience must make greater than or equal to 150% of the minimum salary on the pay scale (currently $20,000 and $30,000, respectively) Title: **HB 1447 - Teacher Pay** Source: *National Conference of State Legislatures*
GA	Enacted 4/98	Repeals Professional Practices Commission provisions; concerns Professional Standards Commission; authorizes removal of commissioners; requires standards of performance and code of ethics for educators; requires local boards to report certain criminal offenses to commission; provides for disciplinary sanctions; includes hearings, reports, investigations and exoneration Title: **SB 535 - Professional Standards** Source: *Lexis-Nexis*
GA	Enacted 4/98	Provides for the state to reimburse local units of education administration for reasonable attorney's fees incurred in actions relating to the education of a child residing in a state facility; changes provisions relating to increased salary for nationally certified teachers; allows a limited paid leave for preparation of certain materials necessary for national certification Title: **HB 1183 - Teacher Salary** Source: *Lexis-Nexis*
MS	Enacted 4/98	Increases the annual salary supplement payable to teachers who have acquired a master teacher certificate from the National Board for Professional Teaching Standards Title: **HB 1132 - Master Teacher Salary** Source: *Mississippi Bill Tracking StateNet*
NH	Died 8/98	Authorizes the State Board of Education to adopt rules on teacher education programs, teacher certification fees and recertification standards Title: **HB 1175 - Teacher Education** Source: *New Hampshire Bill Tracking StateNet*
NY	Died 8/89	Relates to the National Board for Professional Teaching Standards Fund Title: **SB 5617 - Professional Teaching Standards Fund** Source: *Lexis-Nexis*
OK	Enacted 7/97	Provides authority for Oklahoma Commission for Teacher Preparation to establish program, subject to availability of funds, to assist teachers seeking National Board for Professional Teaching Standards certification; creates "Education Leadership Oklahoma Act." Title: **SB 0202 - National Board Certification of Teachers** Source: *Oklahoma State School Boards Association*

STATE	STATUS	SUMMARY
OK	Enacted 6/97	Provides for the Oklahoma Commission for Teacher Preparation (OCTP) to administer professional development institutes in intensive elementary reading with $3.3 million included in HB 1872; directs OCTP, as additional funds become available, to offer professional development institutes for math teachers in grades 5-9 in the use of technology in the classroom, training of teacher mentoring for residency committee members and hands-on inquiry-based science for elementary teachers. Title: **HB 2017 - Commission for Teacher Preparation** Source: *1997 Session Highlights - Oklahoma House of Representatives*
UT	Enacted 2/98	Recognizes importance of teacher preparation and professional development programs; encourages the Joint Liaison Committee and its advisory task force to continue to bring recommendations to the legislature for laws or policies to improve those programs. Title: **HCR 3 - Teacher Preparation and Professional Development** Source: *Lexis-Nexis*
WI	Enacted 6/98	Provides powers, duties and composition of professional standards council for teachers; relates to appointments by the state superintendent of public instruction; requires an annual report to the legislature. Title: **SB 364 - Professional Standards Councils** Source: *Lexis-Nexis*
WV	Enacted 3/98	Creates commission to advise the West Virginia Board of Education on matters pertaining to the preparation, licensure and staff development of educational personnel; 19-member commission comprises classroom teachers, public school principals, higher education faculty, a business leader, a county superintendent, a county school board member and a state board member. Title: **West Virginia Commission for Professional Teaching Standards** Source: *West Virginia Department of Education News*
WY	Enacted 3/98	Relates to national certification of teachers; provides incentives for national certification; provides a mentoring and consulting program for national certification. Title: **SB 77 - National Certification of Teachers** Source: *Lexis-Nexis*

TEACHER RECRUITMENT		
STATE	STATUS	SUMMARY
GA	Enacted 4/98	Provides criteria for eligibility and ineligibility for HOPE grants, HOPE scholarships, HOPE GED vouchers, HOPE teacher's scholarships and PROMISE teacher's scholarships. Title: **HB 1556 - HOPE-PROMISE** Source: *Lexis-Nexis*
MI	Died 8/98	Provides for funding for the Michigan Future Teachers Program. Title: **SB 617 - Future Teachers** Source: *Lexis-Nexis*
MS	Died 5/98	Provides graduate degree teacher education incentive loans to qualified applicants who agree to teach in public schools or state institutions of higher learning; authorizes stipends for such students in graduate teacher education programs; provides for the conversion of loans into scholarships. Title: **SB 2123 - Teacher Incentives** Source: *Lexis-Nexis*
MS	Enacted 4/98	Establishes the Critical Needs Teacher Scholarship Program to award full scholarships to full-time teachers and college students agreeing to teach in a geographical area of the state with a critical teacher shortage; requires the State Department of Education to reimburse licensed teachers for moving expenses when teachers relocate to teach in such an area. Title: **HB 609 - Teacher Shortages** Source: *Lexis-Nexis*

STATE	STATUS	SUMMARY
MS	Enacted 3/98	Authorizes school districts to enter into conditional contracts for teaching positions with persons anticipating graduation or licensure Title: **HB 309 - Conditional Contracts** Source: *Lexis-Nexis*
MS	Died 5/98	Creates teacher incentive loan program to attract and retain qualified teachers for geographical areas of the state with critical shortages; provides for State Department of Education and the board of trustees of the state institutions of higher learning to adopt standards for qualifying for loan scholarships under the program Title: **HB 266 - Teacher Recruitment** Source: *Lexis-Nexis*
NC	Enacted 6/97	Presents plan to attract and retain high-quality teachers; sets goal of increasing teacher starting salary almost 20% over the next four fiscal years to bring the starting salary to a minimum of $25,000 by the year 2000; includes significant increases at the third year (when continuing certification is attained) and the fourth year (when career status is attained) Title: **Excellent Schools Act - Attract/Retain High-Quality Teachers** Source: *Legis. Educ. Staff Network-Kory Goldsmith, NC Research Division*
ND	Enacted 4/97	Calls for leadership in the education administration consortium and teacher learning centers to work cooperatively to develop training programs for teachers and education administrators; requires report on such efforts no later than September 30, 1998, to the legislative council or its designated committee Title: **HB 1013 Section 10 - Teacher Training** Source: *Legislative Assembly of North Dakota*
NH	Enacted 6/98	Proposes a program to make funding available to qualified applicants pursuing careers in certain designated teacher shortage areas Title: **HB 1475 - Teacher Scholarships** Source: *Lexis-Nexis*
OK	Enacted 4/98	Relates to state government and the Minority Teacher Recruitment Advisory Committee; recreates such Advisory Committee Title: **HB 2229 - Minority Teacher Recruitment** Source: *Lexis-Nexis*
TN	Enacted 3/98	Increases number of minority teaching fellow positions from 106 to 116; increases maximum per year number from 29 to 35 Title: **SB 2542 - Minority Teaching Positions** Source: *Lexis-Nexis*

TEACHER SHORTAGES/SUPPLY		
STATE	**STATUS**	**SUMMARY**
LA	Enacted 5/98	Provides for the reemployment, under the qualified teacher shortage provisions, of retired teachers who participated in the Deferred Retirement Option Plan Title: **SB 105 - Teacher Shortage** Source: *Lexis-Nexis*
MS	Enacted 4/98	Establishes the Critical Needs Teacher Scholarship Program to award scholarships to full-time teachers and college students agreeing to teach in an area of the state with a critical teacher shortage; requires the State Department of Education to reimburse licensed teachers for moving expenses when they relocate to teach in an area of teacher shortage Title: **HB 609 - Teacher Shortages** Source: *Lexis-Nexis*
NH	Enacted 6/98	Establishes a committee to study the shortage of qualified special education personnel Title: **HB 1215 - Special Education Teacher Shortage** Source: *Lexis-Nexis*

STATE	STATUS	SUMMARY
NH	Enacted 6/98	Proposes to make funding available through Postsecondary Education Commission scholarships to qualified applicants pursuing careers in certain designated teacher shortage areas Title: **HB 1475 - Teacher Shortage** Source: *Lexis-Nexis*
NV	Died 98	Directs the Legislative Commission to conduct an interim study regarding the projected need for teachers in public schools Title: **SCR 46 - Teacher Supply** Source: *Lexis-Nexis*

TEACHER STAFF DEVELOPMENT

STATE	STATUS	SUMMARY
LA	Enacted 5/98	Relates to length of school day and year and additional staff development days for teachers under certain circumstances Title: **HB 119 - Staff Development Days** Source: *Lexis-Nexis*
MA	Died 8/98	Relates to school-based professional development Title: **HB 4668 - Professional Development** Source: *Lexis-Nexis*
MI	Proposed 10/97	Requires professional development concerning high school proficiency tests and local core curriculum; appropriates additional funds for professional development; relates to graduation requirements Title: **HB 5231 - Professional Development** Source: *Lexis-Nexis*
TN	Died 6/98	Allows full-time certified teachers to take one free course per term at any state-supported college, university or technology center if space is available Title: **SB 2170 - Staff Development Courses** Source: *Lexis-Nexis*
UT	Enacted 2/98	Recognizes the importance of teacher preparation and professional development programs; encourages the Joint Liaison Committee and its advisory task force to continue to bring recommendations to the legislature for laws or policies to improve those programs Title: **HCR 3 - Teacher Preparation and Professional Development** Source: *Lexis-Nexis*
VA	Proposed 1/98	Establishes a number of initiatives supporting teacher training and development, such as a program of lead teachers in English, mathematics, science, technological studies, and history and social sciences; provides support for teachers in public elementary and secondary schools; creates leadership standards and programs for superintendents and administrators; requires that these educators complete leadership training programs Title: **HB 432 & SB 166 - Teacher Training and Development** Source: *Lexis-Nexis*

TECHNOLOGY

STATE	STATUS	SUMMARY
HI	Died 8/98	Establishes provisions for the charitable contributions of education technology equipment and services to public education institutions and the University of Hawaii system; establishes income deduction of fair market value of qualified education technology equipment and services contributed, accepted and placed in service until January 1, 1998 Title: **SB 441 - Technology Equipment and Services for Public Education** Source: *Lexis-Nexis*

STATE	STATUS	SUMMARY
ID	Enacted 3/98	Increase membership of the State Council for Technology in Learning from 15 to 18 and specifies the method of nominations Title: **SB 1420 - Technology in Learning** Source: *Lexis-Nexis*
MI	Died 8/98	Establishes educational institution discounts for telecommunications Title: **SB 641 - Educational Discounts for Telecommunications** Source: *Lexis-Nexis*
ND	Enacted 4/97	Calls for school districts to be reimbursed for technology-related expenditures; provides for Educational Telecommunications Council to determine maximum amount to which each school district is entitled by dividing number of elementary and secondary students in average daily membership in this state into the funds appropriated and then multiplying the result by number of students in average daily membership in each district; requires council to reimburse school district upon receiving substantiating documentation indicating the expenditure of funds on or after July 1, 1996, for the acquisition of computer technology for student uses or instructional purposes; interactive television or teacher inservice programs related to the use of computer technology in classroom instruction Title: **HB 1013 Section 6 - Funding for Technology in the Classroom** Source: *Legislative Assembly of North Dakota*
NJ	Died 98	Creates the Higher Education Technology Infrastructure Fund in the New Jersey Educational Facilities Authority Title: **AB 3029 & SB 2158 - Technology Infrastructure** Source: *Lexis-Nexis*
NJ	Enacted 6/97	Creates the Higher Education Technology Infrastructure Fund in the New Jersey Educational Facilities Authority Title: **AB 3029 - Higher Education Technology Infrastructure Fund** Source: *Lexis-Nexis*
NJ	Died 98	Establishes state curriculum on Internet dangers and physical threats to schoolchildren Title: **AB 3297 - Technology** Source: *Lexis-Nexis*
NV	Enacted 6/97	Makes appropriations to the University and Community College System of Nevada for the improvement of education through interactive computer programs; specifies purchase of computer hardware and software, communication services and related one-time services necessary to improve access of its students, pupils in public schools and state residents to information and education programs through the Internet and interactive video Title: **AB 606 - Computer and Software Purchases** Source: *Lexis-Nexis*
NV	Enacted 7/97	Part of the Nevada Education Reform Act of 1997 — Creates 11-member Education Technology Commission of educational personnel, representatives of public libraries, private sector, parents and legislators; charges commission with developing a statewide plan for the use of educational technology at each school; calls for plan to include recommendations to: Incorporate technology into the schools; increase pupil access to the Internet; increase teacher access to continuing education opportunities through technology; improve pupil achievement and incorporate teacher training needs associated with the new technology; requires commission to make recommendations for distribution of funds from Trust Fund for Educational Technology and to develop technical standards for education technology and uniform specifications to ensure statewide compatibility; requires schools to include information about school technology in their yearly accountability report Title: **SB 482 - Nevada Education Reform Act of 1997 - Technology Commission**
NY	Died 8/98	Provides for planning and promoting the use of computer networking technology in education and research and makes appropriations; enacts "The Omnibus Planning for Technology in Education Act of 1997." Title: **AB 8295 - Technology Planning** Source: *Lexis-Nexis*

STATE	STATUS	SUMMARY
VA	Enacted 5/98	Revises the Standards of Quality and other education provisions to incorporate the following recommendations of the Commission on the Future of Public Education: provides for Board of Education to establish Standards of Learning (SOL) for an articulated technological studies program in grades K-12; calls for consistent school board policies designed to improve school-community communications and guidelines for providing instructional assistance in the home; requires school divisions by the year 2000 to establish voice mail communication system for use after hours by parents, families and teachers. Title: **HB 431 - Technology Studies Program** Source: *Lexis-Nexis*
VA	Enacted 3/98	Relates to technological proficiency; revises the Standards of Quality to direct school divisions to incorporate within their programs of instruction for grades K-12 emphasis on technological proficiency; provides that the Standards of Learning for mathematics, English, science and history and social science, revised in 1995, include computer and technology standards for skills to be acquired by end of grades 5 and 8. Title: **HB 1200 - Technology Proficiency** Source: *Lexis-Nexis*
WI	Died 4/98	Relates to the required contributions to the universal service fund and ensures contributions are sufficient to pay the educational telecommunications access program. Title: **AB 606 - Telecommunications Access Program** Source: *Lexis-Nexis*

TECHNOLOGY/CLASSROOM INSTRUCTION

STATE	STATUS	SUMMARY
AZ	Enacted 6/98	Requires technology-assisted project-based instruction program to be instituted on a pilot basis to meet the needs of pupils in the information age. Title: **SB 1400 - Technology-Assisted Education Pilot Program** Source: *Lexis-Nexis*
HI	Vetoed 7/98	HB 2564 mandates inclusion of computer competency and second-language capabilities in Department of Education curriculum; identification of how standards of competency for computer and second-language skills will be established; and timeframe for students to meet the minimum standards of competency as established; beginning year 2000. SB 2211 mandates Department of Education require all pupils completing 8th grade to be computer literate and, beginning year 2004, all pupils graduating from high school must be competent in languages other than English. Title: **HB 2564 & SB 2211 - Standards for Computers and Second Language** Source: *Lexis-Nexis*
KY	Enacted 4/98	Creates a new section to require the Kentucky Department of Education to promulgate administrative regulations to prevent sexually explicit material from being transmitted via education technology systems. Title: **SB 230 - Sexually Explicit Material on Educational Technology Systems** Source: *Lexis-Nexis*
RI	Enacted 7/98	Provides for Department of Elementary and Secondary Education to establish regulations which provide that new school buildings and new classrooms added to existing buildings be wired for computer networking technology. Title: **SB 2849 - Computer Network Technology** Source: *Lexis-Nexis*
UT	Enacted 3/98	Establishes pilot program for acquiring and refurbishing donated computers to be used in public schools; provides for program administration and refurbishing facility; makes appropriation. Title: **HB 7 - Donated Computers** Source: *Lexis-Nexis*

TECHNOLOGY - FEDERAL		
STATE	**STATUS**	**SUMMARY**
MI	Enacted 8/97	Allows the Public Service Commission to opt in to the federal telecommunications K-12 Program, provides equivalent discounts for schools and libraries Title: **HB 4997 - Federal Telecommunications K-12 Program** Source: *Lexis-Nexis*

TECHNOLOGY - FINANCE		
STATE	**STATUS**	**SUMMARY**
NV	Enacted 7/97	Part of the Nevada Education Reform Act of 1997— Provides $27.5 million for purchase and installation of hardware, software and electric wiring for computer laboratories, upgrading computer software, purchase of additional computers for instructional use in the classroom and other forms of education technology, provides for school districts, state youth training centers and public libraries to apply to the Commission on Education Technology for grants, includes $806 million for repair, maintenance and replacement of computer hardware, upgrading computer software, contracting for technical support and providing training for teachers, school districts may apply to Commission on Education Technology Title: **SB 482 - Nevada Education Reform Act of 1997 - Funding Technology** Source: *Nevada Legislative Staff*
UT	Enacted 2/98	Identifies mechanisms used in providing appropriations to help fund the education technology initiative Title: **HB 184 - Educational Technology Funding** Source: *Lexis-Nexis*
UT	Enacted 3/98	Provides appropriation to expand certain schools' technology capabilities to help maintain a positive relationship with Nevada and improve the quality of educational services Title: **HB 260 - Quality of Educational Services** Source: *Lexis-Nexis*

TECHNOLOGY - STATE		
STATE	**STATUS**	**SUMMARY**
ID	Enacted 3/98	Relates to the State Council for Technology in Learning, increases the council's membership from 15 to 18 and specifies the method of nominations Title: **SB 1420 - Technology in Learning** Source: *Lexis-Nexis*
NH	Enacted 5/98	Extends the reporting date of the Statewide School Technology Plan Study Committee to November 1, 1998 Title: **HB 1502 - Technology** Source: *Lexis-Nexis*
OK	Vetoed 6/98	Creates the Technology in the Classroom Act Title: **HB 3120 - Technology** Source: *Lexis-Nexis*

TECHNOLOGY - TEACHER TRAINING		
STATE	**STATUS**	**SUMMARY**
OK	Enacted 7/97	Specifies inclusion of technology training in professional development institutes as it pertains to the Oklahoma Commission for Teacher Preparation, authorizes Oklahoma Commission for Teacher Preparation to develop and administer training for residency committees Title: **Technology Training** Source: *Oklahoma State School Boards Association*

STATE	STATUS	SUMMARY
WA	Died 5/98	Relates to using education savings account to train educators in effective use of technology Title: **SB 6269 - Technology** Source: *Lexis-Nexis*

TEXTBOOKS		
STATE	**STATUS**	**SUMMARY**
AL	Enacted 9/97	Authorizes Limestone County Board of Education to substitute other books or texts for textbooks in list of state-approved or -adopted textbooks for use in county schools Title: **HB 154 - Textbook Substitution** Source: *Lexis-Nexis*
AL	Enacted 7/98	Makes State Board of Education final authority on adoption or rejection of textbooks; makes state-adopted textbook list advisory for all school systems except in the case of books rejected by the state board; allows state superintendent to determine the contract period for textbooks; eliminates much of the paperwork now required; removes restrictions on local superintendents with regard to minimum/maximum purchasing; allows textbooks purchased with state funds to be the property of local boards of education; requires local textbook committees to include parents; enables state Textbook Committee to review kindergarten textbooks in addition to those for grades 1-12 Title: **Textbooks** Source: *Alabama Education News*
ID	Enacted 3/98	Provides for State Board of Education to determine how and under what rules curricular materials are adopted; provides for membership and operation of curricular materials adoption committees; defines curricular materials; provides $10,000 reimbursement limit for feasibility studies; provides for appointment and operation of district curricular adoption committees by local boards of trustees; allows state board to make rules Title: **SB 1396 - Curricular Materials** Source: *Lexis-Nexis*
IN	Died 98	Requires Department of Education to reimburse school corporations and accredited nonpublic schools for costs of furnishing free school textbooks, supplies and other required class fees to students meeting financial eligibility standards; appropriates from the state general fund a sufficient amount to fully fund the reimbursement program Title: **SB 17 - Reimbursement of Aid to Needy Students** Source: *Lexis-Nexis*
OK	Enacted 6/98	Relates to schools and selection of textbooks and to the State Textbook Committee; provides for public notice Title: **SB 770 - Textbooks** Source: *Lexis-Nexis*
SC	Enacted 97	Relates to other legislation requiring the State Board of Education to add to the approved textbook list any book reviewed during adoption process if five or more local boards of trustees or trustees of two or more larger districts request its adoption; budget language creates new high school diploma category for students who earn at least 24 credit hours, meet requirements for college-prep or technical-prep track and earn B average; students who receive this diploma and score at least 1100 on the SAT will receive a $500 scholarship to a public or private South Carolina college; includes $1.5 million to initiate program Title: **1997-98 Budget** Source: *Southern Regional Education Board Legislative Report*
SC	Enacted 6/98	Approves regulations of Department of Education; relates to free textbooks Title: **HB 4994 - Free Textbooks** Source: *Lexis-Nexis*

STATE	STATUS	SUMMARY
WA	Vetoed 3/98	Authorizes learning materials to be loaned to private school students; provides for students attending state-approved private schools to receive loaned learning materials from school district in which the private school is located; appropriates $2 million to carry out this act Title: **SB 6574 - Loaned Learning Materials** Source: *Lexis-Nexis*

TUITION/FEES		
STATE	**STATUS**	**SUMMARY**
IA	Enacted 5/98	Provides means whereby participants may invest money in public trust to pay future higher education costs of the participants' designated beneficiary or beneficiaries; provides no guarantee that higher education costs will be equal to projections made; makes no guarantees relating to admission to or graduation from an institution of higher education; provides for contracting and investments of the trust; provides tax exemptions Title: **HB 2119 - Tuition Trust Funds** Source: *Lexis-Nexis*
RI	Enacted 6/97	Allows parents and others responsible for paying the cost of education to save for a child's college education through the use of a tuition savings program administered by the Rhode Island Higher Education Assistance Authority and the executive director of the Student Loan Authority; provides for earnings to be tax exempt; requires the various agencies involved to develop and present to the legislature a prepaid tuition plan by a certain date; repeals the "Rhode Island Savings Bond Program." Title: **HB 6971 - Tuition Savings Programs** Source: *Lexis-Nexis*
TN	Enacted 5/98	Allows local school districts to charge tuition for all programs outside the minimum 180 instructional days, unless state funds cost of such instruction Title: **HB 2626 - Tuition Charges** Source: *Lexis-Nexis*
TX	Enacted 97	Sets higher education tuition increases through the year 2001 and, effective fall 1999, bans institutions from counting in formula calculations undergraduate credit hours (with exceptions) that exceed 170 hours for any student; makes in-state students completing a baccalaureate degree with no more than three credit hours beyond program requirements eligible for a $1,000 tuition rebate Title: **Budget** Source: *Southern Regional Education Board Legislative Report*
VA	Enacted 3/98	Reduces tuition for certain students; repeals July 1, 1998, sunset date to allow community college system governing board to continue to charge reduced tuition to any person enrolled in a system institution who lives within a 30-mile radius of an institution, is domiciled in and entitled to in-state tuition charges in institutions of higher learning in any state contiguous to Virginia that has similar reciprocal provisions for persons living in Virginia Title: **SB 288 - Tuition Reducation** Source: *Lexis-Nexis*

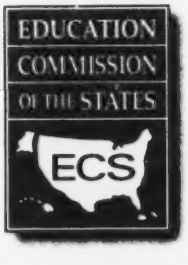
URBAN SCHOOLS		
STATE	**STATUS**	**SUMMARY**
NV	Died 7/97	Makes appropriations to the Clark County School District to establish and operate various education programs; provides for extending pupil instruction beyond regularly scheduled school day and for parent participation to support and extend tutorial effort; designates the participation of no fewer than 25 schools, of which not less than two-thirds have been identified as enrolling the largest number of pupils at risk of academic failure Title: **AB 651 - At-Risk Students** Source: *Lexis-Nexis*

VOCATIONAL EDUCATION		
STATE	**STATUS**	**SUMMARY**
LA	Enacted 5/98	Names and designates the vocational-technical schools under the State Board of Elementary and Secondary Education's jurisdiction; provides for certain prison vocational programs. Title: **HB 63 - Vocational Schools** Source: *Lexis-Nexis*
NH	Enacted 6/98	Requires vocational student organizations to provide leadership opportunities for students; authorizes appropriation for appointment of vocational student organization advisor. Title: **HB 1350 - Vocational Education** Source: *Lexis-Nexis*
VA	Enacted 5/98	Revises Standards of Quality and other education provisions to incorporate the following recommendations of the Commission on the Future of Public Education: provides for Board of Education to establish Standards of Learning (SOL) for an articulated technological studies program in grades K-12; provides that SOLs for vocational education are revised to require full integration of English, math, science and social studies. Title: **HB 431 - Vocational Education** Source: *Lexis-Nexis*
VOUCHERS/TAX CREDITS		
STATE	**STATUS**	**SUMMARY**
CT	Died 8/98	Establishes a tax credit for qualified education expenses for a child in a public or nonpublic school in Connecticut. Title: **HB 5180 - Tax Credit for Education Expenses** Source: *Lexis-Nexis*
DE	Proposed 6/97	Creates an Educational Scholarship Program. Title: **HB 367 - Educational Scholarship Program** Source: *Lexis/Nexis*
IL	Vetoed 4/97	Amends Illinois Income Tax Act; provides that, beginning with tax years ending after December 31, 1997, a taxpayer who is custodian of a qualified pupil will be allowed income tax credit equal to $500 per pupil for qualified education expenses; provides for any credit in excess of the tax liability to be refunded to the taxpayer; requires pupil to be a resident of Illinois, under 21 and a full-time students; makes other provisions. Title: **HB 999 - Income Tax Credit** Source: *Lexis-Nexis*
LA	Enacted 6/98	Provides for a tax credit for corporations to be taken against the corporation income and franchise taxes when the corporation purchases or acquires property adjacent to a school and then donates the property to the school for educational purposes. Title: **HB 129 - Tax Credit** Source: *Lexis-Nexis*
LA	Enacted 6/98	Establishes employer tax credits for donations of materials, equipment, advisors or instructors to job training providers, vocational/technical colleges or community colleges and secondary schools; relates to income taxes, corporate franchise taxes; requires the Department of Labor to consult with the Department of Revenue to promulgate regulations. Title: **SB 76 - Tax Credits for Donations** Source: *Lexis-Nexis*

STATE	STATUS	SUMMARY
MN	Enacted 6/97	Increases current maximum tax deduction for each dependent in grades 7-12 from $1,000 to $2,500 and from $650 to $1,625 for dependents in grades K-6; allows tax deductions for currently deductible expenses (tuition, fees, nonreligious textbooks and instructional materials, and transportation expenses paid to others) as well as for academic summer school and summer camps, tutoring and personal computer hardware and educational software, with a limit of $200 for computer hardware and software; increases existing working family credit from 15% to 25% of the federal earned income credit for families with qualifying children; increases maximum credit for a family with one child from $332 to $553; increases credit for family with two or more children from $548 to $914; creates new credit for education-related expenses for families with gross income of less than $33,500 per year; makes creditable expenses same as deductible expenses, with exception of private school tuition or fees, which are not creditable. Title: **HB 1 & SB 1 - Tax Credits and Deductions** Source: *Lexis-Nexis*
MO	Died 8/98	Authorizes a state income tax deduction for school tuition, attendance fees, supplies and transportation costs. Title: **SB 472 - Tuition Income Tax Deduction** Source: *Lexis-Nexis*
NH	Died 3/98	Allows school districts to vote to reimburse parents for public, nonpublic and home-school tuition and expenses. Title: **HB 1476 - Tuition Reimbursement** Source: *Lexis-Nexis*
OR	Enacted 6/97	Extends sunset date for equipment donation tax credit to January 1, 2004; expands types of education institutions for which donation of equipment may be claimed as credit to include public prekindergarten-grade 12 institutions. Title: **SB 1147 - Equipment Donation Tax Credit** Source: *Lexis-Nexis*
RI	Died 8/98	Provides for an education expense income tax credit for tuition, books and lab fees incurred by a pupil enrolled in a K-12 program in a Rhode Island school. Title: **HB 7168 - Income Tax Credit** Source: *Lexis-Nexis*

WORKFORCE PREPARATION		
STATE	**STATUS**	**SUMMARY**
CA	Proposed 2/98	Requires system to measure performance of students and trainees 18 years of age and over in state- and federally funded education training programs; requires the system to measure performance of vocational rehabilitation programs. Title: **SB 1559 - Vocational Rehabilitation Programs** Source: *Lexis-Nexis*
CO	Enacted 5/98	Changes the composition and size of the Work Force Coordinating Council. Title: **SB 26 - Work Force Coordinating Council** Source: *Lexis-Nexis*
CT	Died 2/98	Creates a school district comprised of the regional vocational-technical schools in order to guarantee funding and a stable fiscal base. Title: **HB 5142 - School Districts** Source: *Lexis-Nexis*
FL	Enacted 5/98	Authorizes creation of charter technical career centers; prescribes related powers and duties of education commissioner, Department of Education, participating school board and community college district boards of trustees; prescribes rights and duties of employees of centers and of district school board employees and community college employees working at centers; provides for optional participation in Florida Retirement System. Title: **HB 4135 - Charter Technical Career Centers** Source: *Lexis-Nexis*

STATE	STATUS	SUMMARY
FL	Enacted 5/98	Relates to workforce development; creates incentive grant program; requires certain administrative procedures, data analysis and reports; provides implementation schedule and for nonpublic postsecondary education institutions to use common course designation and numbering system used by public institutions; requires collection of job retention data; deletes school district responsibility for funding certain community college programs Title: **SB 1124 - Workforce Development** Source: *Lexis-Nexis*
HI	Died 8/98	Provides a two-tiered tax credit system to employers participating in school-to-work programs Title: **HB 2686 - School-To-Work Programs** Source: *Lexis-Nexis*
KY	Enacted 3/98	Creates the Division of Workforce Investment in the Department of Adult Education and Literacy in the Cabinet for Workforce Development; changes the name of the Division of Management and Support Services to the Division of Management Services in the Department of Adult Education and Literacy in the Cabinet for Workforce Development Title: **SB 158 - Adult Literacy** Source: *Lexis-Nexis*
KY	Enacted 4/98	Establishes a school-to-careers system as the overall system for career-related programs in the public school, such as school-to-work, tech prep and High Schools That Work; establishes the goals for the school-to-careers program, including to increase the math, science, communications, social studies and technical skills of all students Title: **HB 724 - Workforce Preparation** Source: *Lexis-Nexis*
MD	Enacted 5/98	Authorizes parties to establish approved, paid work-based learning programs under which arrangements are made between schools and employers to provide students structured employer-supervised learning; allows a credit against the state income tax, the financial institutions franchise tax, the public service company franchise tax and the insurance premiums tax for wages paid under the program Title: **HB 6 - Work-based Learning** Source: *Lexis-Nexis*
MD	Enacted 5/98	Requires contractors for state-funded school construction projects to consult with county boards of education to implement work-based learning programs within the projects; requires the contractors to hire qualified students and other individuals for the projects Title: **SB 791 - Work-based Learning** Source: *Lexis-Nexis*
VA	Proposed 1/98	Narrows scope of school-to-work transition concept to include students enrolled in public schools in grades 9-12 from the present scope, which includes students enrolled in grades 5-12; focuses programs on preparing students for postsecondary education eligibility, employment and advanced technical skills to meet particular academic needs Title: **SB 622 - School-To-Work** Source: *Lexis-Nexis*
VT	Enacted 4/98	Establishes standards for performance and operation of Vermont's Technical Education Programs; allows several technical center service regions to apply to become pilot projects in which the governance and finance systems for technical education would be changed to enable better coordination between the interests of the business and education communities; evaluates the experiences of and information generated by the pilot projects Title: **HB 636 - Technical Education Programs** Source: *Lexis-Nexis*



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